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I am writing to you today in support of House bill3444. HB 3444 will fix a huge disparity currently happening in Oregon public schools. Currently many students are overlooked at their public school. Families deserve more of a choice when it comes to the schooling their children receive. Our family choose a public charter in order to meet our child's needs. Many charter schools are smaller in number and safer than the neighborhood public schools. The staff at these schools work tirelessly to meet our children's needs. The education they are receiving from their charter school is far beyond what they were receiving at their public school. The environment is positive, the intervention is available and our kids are succeeding! The community comes together to offer support where they can but ultimately our charters need funding. Charter schools are significantly under-funded. The buildings are old, the supplies and resources are failing our children Funding is needed in order to offer all students a safe robust learning opportunity of choice.