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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Education

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3444

House Committee On Education
Oregon State Senate
900 Court St. NE
Salem, Oregon 97301

Dear Chair Neron, Vice-Chairs Dobson and McIntire, and members of the Committee:

As a grandparent of an Oregon public charter school student, I am writing today in support of House Bill 3444. Public charter school students are public school students, and it's past time to fund their education fairly. I worked for a school district for 40 years before retiring and have never understood why funding per student has not followed the student to the public charter school. Because of Oregon's current school funding model, public charter schools are significantly underfunded. By passing HB 3444, you can fix this ongoing disparity and provide fair funding for public charter school students who deeply need it.

My 6 year old grandson attends Gresham Arthur Academy, a public charter school within Gresham Barlow School District, where he is receiving an amazing education. The teachers and staff at the school are dedicated to his academic success. I volunteer in the cafeteria so I witness first hand the excellent learning environment of his school.

Please vote yes on HB 3444.

Thank you,
Martha Olney