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To whom it may concern:

I am writing this in support of the measure to increase funding for charter schools. My daughter has taught at Gresham Arthur Academy for 18 years and I have seen first hand the positive effect that it has on the students. In addition, our two grandchildren went through the school and we were able to see the great impact it made on their educational experience. Plus, I had the opportunity to volunteer at Gresham Arthur Academy for several years. As a former Preschool Teacher myself, I was so impressed with the atmosphere for the love of learning that the teachers impart to their students. I always felt joyful when I entered the building. Although the teachers and staff work hard for the benefit of the students, they do not receive the funding they need to be able to truly fulfill their mission. Because Gresham Arthur Academy only receives a small portion of the funds from the state, they had to eliminate a Small Groups Position last year, making it more difficult for students to get the help they need. Charter Schools in Oregon are Public Schools. They deserve funding on par with other public schools. Thank you for your time.

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