On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Education

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3444

Dear Representatives,

My name is Tracy Allen and I am a supporter of HB 3444 and respectfully urged you to support it as well. Our family has been so grateful for our charter school - Fossil Distance Learning Program. My child has excelled in the charter school environment. Fossil has provided us with the ability to create an individualized learning plan that is specifically designed and tailored to our child's learning style and needs. This has been such a huge help especially when it was discovered our child has dyslexia. The ability to individualize curriculum through our charter school and use charter school funds to provide additional one on one resources as well, has helped our child overcome many challenges in reading and become a fluent reader despite the struggle of having dyslexia. Charter school funds have also allowed our child to experience some incredible learning opportunities too such as exploring historical sites, participating in science experiments and excursions, having unforgettable zoology encounters with exotic animals, and learning instruments. The cost of curriculum and these amazing learning opportunities continues to go up. More funding is needed for charter schools so they can continue offering the best possible education for Oregon students. I urge you to support HB3444 and be a part of giving Oregon an even brighter future by expanding charter school funding!

Sincerely, Tracy Allen