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I am a parent of two children at Madrone Trail Public Charter in Central Point, Oregon. I am highly supportive of this new amendment for charter schools to receive more funding. Charter schools offer children, families, and communities endless opportunities to nurture a child's development, especially children who learn and thrive in alternative learning environments. At Madrone Trail, our teachers and staff are incredibly passionate and go above and beyond to support our children and the school. Our charter school provides enrichment to students beyond standard education, including theatre, cooking, gardening, yoga and much more. It inspires a love for learning and the development of healthy, well-adjusted, emotionally intelligent and creative human beings that will one day be an asset to their communities. The nurturing environment of our school gives parents peace of mind, knowing that our children are being guided from a place of sincere love. All of this is challenging to do from a small budget, and this increase in funding would be transformative for our school. Charter schools like ours deserve more funding and more attention and a vote in favor of this bill is a step in the right direction.