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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:

My name is Brooke Ryles. I am currently serving on the City View Board of Directors and have two students at City View Charter School. I am writing today in support of House Bill 3444. Families within Hillsboro School District need City View as an option and HB 3444 will help keep it as a viable option.

About a year ago, it became abundantly clear our family needed to look elsewhere for a more academically challenging program for our TAG students. The EL approach to learning is what drew our family to City View. In the EL model it states “students at all levels are pushed and supported to do more than they think they can. Excellence is expected in the quality of their work and thinking.”

In April 2024, we moved to City View. Quickly, we could see it was a positive change. From expert speakers to overnight field work to narratives on the digestive systems, teachers expected high quality work. This community has inspired our kids to contribute to a better world. They are passionate about working and learning together as a team and they are eager to go to school.

Unfortunately, because of Oregon’s current school funding model, public charter schools are significantly underfunded. We spend excessive time and resources fundraising to meet the shortfall allocated to our students. Our teachers are paid ~15% lower than those within the district. Most staff members wear multiple hats to keep the school functioning.

I am coming to you as a parent and City View Board member in support of House Bill 3444.

Supporting HB 3444 supports equity in education for students in Oregon.

Brooke Ryles

Parent and School Board Member at City View Charter School