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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Education

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3444

My name is Tara. I enrolled my daughter into a charter school because it perfectly fits her needs for classroom size, teaching style, and schedule that they have to offer. After taking the tour of Bend International School, my little girl looked up at me and said, "Mom- I wanna go here." She feels safe, happy, and comfortable there. She started Kinder last year and now she is reading and doing well in the 1st grade! All public school students in Oregon deserve the same investment in their education, whether attending a public charter school or public district-run school. Right now students in public charter schools receive 48% of the funding that their peers in district-run school receive. Our state's founding and now outdated charter school legislation is not in line with our state's current priorities. It restricts funding for early education and intervention, as well as investment in our historically underserved communities. I am asking for my child's sake that HB 3444 be referred to committee and that they support its passage. Please make out future brighter! Thank you!