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I am writing to express my strong support for the Oregon bill to increase funding for charter schools. As a resident of Cannon Beach and a parent of a student attending Cannon Beach Academy, I have witnessed firsthand the vital role this school plays in our community.

With no other educational institution in our city, Cannon Beach Academy is essential for local. Sending students to seaside is not an option for some families living in Cannon Beach, due to the distance between their little ones with the threat of tsunami and other safety reasons. Therefore, securing additional state funding is imperative to ensure our students have the same opportunities as those in larger districts.

The current funding challenges have led to multiple teacher changes and placed a heavy burden on our 3rd through 5th-grade teacher, who also serves as the school's director. While her dedication is remarkable, the lack of resources risks losing valuable educators due to being overworked and underpaid. Moreover, the building requires critical maintenance, including a new roof to address ongoing leaks. Our community has been actively fundraising and seeking donations to support these needs. However, without adequate state funding, essential aspects such as field trips and transportation services remain limited. Additional support would allow us to maintain a safe and thriving learning environment, hire and retain quality teachers, and provide the enriching experiences that all students deserve.

I urge you to support this bill and help ensure that charter schools like Cannon Beach Academy can continue to serve our community and foster the educational growth of our children.

Thank you for your attention and support. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or for further information.