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Via electronic transmission only

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Senator Tim Knopp, Vice Chair
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Dear Chair Hass and Chair Knopp:

I served in the Oregon House of Representatives in 1999 when the charter school law was passed. It was my first session in the Legislature. I strongly disagree with the notion that charter schools have always been subject to Oregon's public contracting statutes. The purpose of the charter law that I helped pass was to exempt charter schools from the regulatory burdens that would hinder charter schools from developing new and innovative methods in which to educate children. The proof of this is the fact that when the charter school law was passed, public contracting was not part of the law when it could have easily been added into the bill in committee prior to its passage.

I strongly object to this particular amendment on House Bill 2150 and respectfully request to the Chairmen and members of the Committee that this provision be removed.

Sincerely,

Jeff Kropf

cc: Richard Donovan, Committee Administrator