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**Subject:** SB819 and SB820

Dear Members of the Oregon Senate Committee on Education,

I am writing as a grandparent of 3 grandsons attending

Emerson Charter School and  
Portland Village School.

While my husband, children and I received a traditional public school education, I see first hand that these two Portland Charter schools are a valuable option for their parents as they consider their sons' learning needs.

The children attending these two schools come from the neighborhood and beyond, representing a wide family income range.

As part of the Portland public school system, Portland Charter Schools students and their teachers need and deserve a higher level of public funding.

I urge you to support SB819 and SB820 and encourage you to ask your colleagues on the Oregon Senate Committee on Education to do the same.

Thank you,

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