

Dear Members of the Senate Committee on Education and Senator Rosenbaum,

We are writing as constituents in District 21; our child attends Emerson Charter

School in District 17 in Downtown Portland.

We are asking that you please support SB 819, which would greatly help to equalize per-student funding across the state. As you are probably aware, the recent study by EcoNorthwest has documented that Oregon public charter schools received about \$5,000 less per student in 2012-13 than their district peers.

Admirably, past legislation addressing charter schools recognized the need to give charter schools roughly equal access to state funding to ensure that all of our state's children can receive a high quality education. Unfortunately, due to the complexities of education funding, the ECONorthwest study has demonstrated that the intent of past legislation has not been fully realized, and we ask that you now redress this situation by supporting SB 819. Emerson and other charter schools are continuing to do great work, and it is imperative that they receive stable and sufficient funding to continue on this path.

Please support SB 819 and ask your colleagues on the Senate Committee on Education to do so as well.

Thank you!

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