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Dear Senator Hass,

I understand you will be voting this coming Tuesday on SB 819. I want to add my voice as one in favor of this bill and encourage your vote in support of Oregon's public charter schools.

According to a study published by the University of Arkansas, on average public charter schools receive 72 percent of the per-pupil funding that traditional public schools receive. In **Oregon, public charter schools are receiving well below this average at only 58 percent**. Let's rise above average and show support for all of Oregon's students.

SB 819 requires no tax increases and would shift less than 1 percent of the state's K-12 budget. This would result in Oregon public charter schools receiving 95 percent of what other district schools receive, and the impact would be hugely positive for Oregon charter schools and our families.

Being able to choose a school that best fits the special needs of my child without having the financial burden we couldn't afford to pay at a private school has made all the difference for our family. Please show your support for my children and others' by supporting SB819.

I am so grateful for all you do to help our children!

Sincerely,

Erin Hatch