

Dear Committee Assistant Oksana Glukhovskikh,

I am writing as a parent of a student of Arco Iris Spanish Immersion Charter School and as an educator. I am also a Speech-Language Pathologist in the Beaverton School District.

Arco Iris is in the Beaverton School District and needs your support on SB 819, both in the committee and on the floor. We understand that no public schools have adequate funding but our kids in public charter schools are the only ones receiving less than the base funding. Arco Iris students are just as valuable as students in district-run public schools, yet currently our children receive 40% plus less funding for their education! SB 819 will not require any new revenue and will shift less than 1% of the existing k-12 budget to education children in public charter schools.

I hope you will support SB 819.

Thank you for your time,

Gail Guernsey