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From: Constance Van Flandern <supergenius66@yahoo.com>
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To: HED Exhibits
Subject: HB 4013 written testimony

Dear House Education Committee,

I am a Eugene, Oregon resident, and mother of two Oregon Public School k-12 students. I am writing because I am shocked to learn that you are considering Rep. Doherty's proposal to changing the rules about who exactly the State Treasurer or Secretary of State seats on their behalf on the State Board of Education solely to prevent a specific person, Kim Sordyl, from being on the board. Please consider this my written testimony against HB 4013. I am very concerned about changing the rules to target a specific person.

When my daughter came to give an emotional testimony before the Board of Education, Ms. Sordyl was the only member of the Board who reached out to her and offered support for her request for her civil rights to be honored. The only one. I was honestly surprised by the stunning silence and inaction of the board when my daughter presented a clear case of gender discrimination – a violation of state law and ODE policy. But no other board members have reached out to date. I am astonished. Ms. Sordyl has clearly gained the trust and respect of parents and students themselves, because of her willingness to speak up for their civil rights.

I oppose any attempt to change the State Treasurer or Secretary of State's appointees to the State Board of Education.

Please respect the intentions of our State Treasurer and Secretary of State, and decline to move bill HB 4013 forward.

Sincerely,
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