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To the ladies and gentlemen of the Committee,

My name is Lindsay Jansen-Hostetler and I am an alternative high school English teacher in Albany, Oregon. Please vote no on LC 76. We cannot afford to lift the virtual school enrollment cap beyond the existing 3% level. To allow students to enroll in virtual online school at this time would be devastating to our existing public schools. Furthermore, these programs fail our students badly. For example, one of my former students who has since graduated did not pass a single class during online school, leaving them short of credits as a junior and needing to attend alternative school instead, where they were able to catch up because of the support of dedicated educators like myself. This student, who had never passed an online English class, passed their first class with me with an A grade due to the increased accountability, interaction, and care our school provided.

Additionally, these schools come at a very real cost to our systems, as they redirect public resources to private companies, largely at the expense of our students. Given how many of our students lack access in the first place to basic internet, there is no doubt that these programs promote vast inequity among student groups. These programs serve a largely white student group. Instead of depriving the public school system of funding by raising the cap, please invest further funds into our existing public school system, so that we can serve all of Oregon's children fairly and equitably. Any increase in the cap would redirect funds our schools so direly need to address the coronavirus crisis.

Thank you for your time.

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