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On Behalf Of: Parents and Children
Committee: Senate Committee On Education
Measure: SB767

I am a parent of three children whose lives and educations have been severely disrupted and damaged by a local Oregon public district. I oppose SB767 because upon advocating for my children by following local district policy and procedure, my family was discriminated and retaliated against by staff, admin, and school board; harassed and threatened by OEA; and ultimately slandered by ODE. Had it not been for the Charter school option, my children would have been denied an education in Oregon due to the unsafe atmosphere the local district presented and the disdain the local district, OEA, and ODE exhibited toward us. Charter schools are an absolute necessary option for parents and students in Oregon. Students are safer in Oregon, and schools will do a better job when parents decide the best educational option for their children. Please do not disregard parents and please do not punish students by supporting SB767 which ultimately places limits on student success and further diminishes parents' rights responsibilities.