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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Education
Measure: SB767

Honorable Oregon Senators:

I oppose this Bill because it does not support diversity of education for children, which is important because different children learn in different ways, and this bill will restrict charter schools as a viable option for public school children.

Charter schools offer parents an alternative to traditional public schools without the financial burden of leaving the public education system.

This bill puts the power into the hands of school districts instead of empowering charter schools to be able to offer an alternative to parents.

The waiting lists for charter schools of parents seeking alternatives for their children tell us that there is a clear demand for charter schools.

72% of Oregonians support school choice, including 60% of Democrats. As elected officials, it is important to represent the views of your constituents, the majority of whom likely support school choice and charter schools. By opposing SB 767, you can demonstrate your commitment to representing the will of the people and preserving their right to choose their child's education.

Parents deserve choice in their child's education, and charter schools provide that option. This bill seeks to limit parents' choice and will ultimately lead to more parents leaving the public school system in favor of private institutions and homeschooling options.

I urge you to oppose this bill.

Sincerely,

Meredith L Lowry