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My name is Tiffany McNaught and I am a former public school teacher. I strongly **oppose Senate Bill 767!** It is intentionally directed at denying parents a voice and a right to choose the best options for their students in Southern Oregon. If passed it will also be detrimental to the existing charter schools in Oregon that have worked to provide educational options.

As my husband, a teacher for over 20 years, and I searched out options for our four daughters, we decided that the best option for our family was to homeschool. With an inside view of our public system, we have chosen to keep our daughters out of a system that is failing our students and families. Our tax dollars have continued to fund a system that our children are not part of. We deserve to have the choice to participate in the system that we are helping to fund, by having options that fit our family and the education we want for our girls!

We are excited at the potential of having an option for students in Southern Oregon. The neighboring districts where satellite campuses are already established are forced to examine the model of education that is no longer working to prepare students for their future as contributing members of our country. The educational option that John Adams offers the families in the Pinehurst, Ashland, and surrounding districts would prepare our students to lead in an unstable, often chaotic world. Understanding our history, acknowledging the sacrifices of so many, discussing and debating solutions, and equipping students to think will help them preserve the freedoms we often take for granted. The question you have before you is important for the future of our community, state and nation.

Things have changed. The world is dramatically different than it was. Our educational model **must** change to prepare our next generation. Parents' tax dollars should be used to provide the education parents want. That choice is the foundation of our freedoms and vital to passing on those freedoms to the next generation. Parents are looking for options. They will find them.

If this issue comes down to money and powerful unions, this bill will pass. But, if you, as representatives of your constituents and our American heritage, stand up for our freedoms and liberties, you will not allow this bill to pass. This is not about money and unions, but our children's education and raising them up as Leaders who will understand and fight for freedom.

Thank you for allowing me to share.