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I am in opposition to this bill and all Oregonians who value freedom in education and choice for parents to determine their children's future. Charter schools offer parents an alternative to traditional public schools without the financial burden of leaving the public education system. This is a good thing and should be explored, not shut down! In addition, 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. As a society we have long approved and supported freedom to determine our own futures. The waiting lists for charter schools of parents seeking alternatives for their children tell us that there is a clear demand for charter schools. As a democratic republic, our state leaders are obligated to seek the will of the people. What more reason do you need then the fact 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. Please do what is right for children and for academic freedom. Do not let children fail because of personal political beliefs. Do what is right!