

March 11, 2025

RE: Letter of Support for HB 3444

To whom it may concern,

Our children, Thomas and Emma Steinhauser, attend kindergarten at the PIE Sand Ridge Charter School in Lebanon, Oregon. The quality of their education has been astounding so far, and we are so happy we were able to get our children into this program. In comparison to the horrific public schools of the area, we feel blessed to have our children enrolled in Sand Ridge.

It's well known that charter schools greatly outperform public schools, getting more "bang for the buck." But they are still underfunded in comparison. It makes all the sense to better support what works best to educate Oregon's youth, and charter schools work best!

Currently, charter schools are getting less than 50 cents on the dollar compared to public schools, that is unacceptable. That is why our family fully supports the passing of HB 3444 to increase the funding of charter schools to 95% of what public schools receive.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

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