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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Education

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3444

To whom it may concern,

Our family has benefitted so much from having the option of a charter school. We were looking for our kids to have a high quality education and a small school atmosphere. We had heard great things about Arthur Academy, the way they taught, the educational results and their attention to our children's charter as a whole. We love the model of not being as concerned with age/grade, but meeting the students where they are at. Using small groups has been beneficial and knowing the schools struggle to have enough staff to accomplish this, I'm in full support of charter schools getting more funding!

As a parent of an Oregon public charter school student, I am writing today in support of House Bill 3444. HB 3444 will fix a deep disparity currently happening in Oregon schools. Over the last 10 years, charter school enrollment has gone up, but funding relative to enrollment has decreased. During that time, funding for charter schools dropped to 48% of their district-run counterparts from 63% in 2013. That translates to \$6000 less per student, and also contributes to a 21% gap in teacher compensation compared to district-run schools. Public charter school students are public school students, and its past time to fund their education fairly.

Please vote yes on HB 3444!

Thank you,
Scott Shropshire