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On Behalf Of:
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House Committee On Education
Oregon State Senate
900 Court St. NE
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Dear Chair Neron, Vice-Chairs Dobson and McIntire, and members of the Committee:

As a parent of 2 kids that attend Hope Chinese Charter School in Beaverton, I am writing today in support of House Bill 3444. HB 3444 will fix a deep disparity currently happening in Oregon schools leads to significant funding disparities between public schools and charter schools.

I have seen first hand the power of a bilingual education which my kids could not get from a public school. However, we are constantly fund raising to cover the gap between costs and funding. Our teachers are so amazing and yet they get a lower salary than their public school counterparts. Our school facilities are bursting at the seams because the school has been so successful that we the waitlist continues to grow and we look for ways to increase the number of students.

Please vote yes on HB 3444 to help bridge the gap for our amazing charter schools.

Thank you,

David Walton