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On Behalf Of:

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As a parent of a third grader at City View Charter School in Hillsboro, I am submitting my testimony in support of HB 3444. Currently, Oregon Charter schools are in a crisis, providing students with exemplary learning models and opportunities to succeed, while operating with a severe funding deficit. I do not believe my child, who is neurodivergent, would have thrived at another public school the way he has at City View, and I believe other families of charter school students feel the same way. We are not asking for more than other public schools, we are not asking for special treatment, or different treatment at all. We are only asking to be treated the same. We are a public school. Our students are public school students. Yet we are allotted only a portion of the funding; it doesn't make sense. Arguments in opposition may include the acknowledgment that the funding laws should be reassessed, but not right now. The issue is that our Charter schools and students are suffering right now. The families of these students are suffering right now. You have the opportunity to change this law, and make a difference for tens of thousands of children, right now.

Thank you for your consideration.