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On Behalf Of:
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Our sons both go to Bend International school in Bend OR. Our oldest son has been there since kindergarten and is now in 7th grade. Our youngest just started kindergarten. Watching our oldest and how he has grown with his class, is amazing!!! Also learning Spanish has been great for him. We love our school and wouldn't want them going anywhere else! And our youngest has blossomed. He didn't talk much when he started. Now he does, has friends, can write, read and do much more!!

All public school students in Oregon deserve the same investment in their education, whether attending a public charter school or public district-run school. Right now students in public charter schools receive 48% of the funding that their peers in district-run school receive. Our state's funding and now outdated charter school legislation is not in line with our state's current priorities. It restricts funding for early education and intervention, as well as investment in our historically underserved communities.

I am asking that HB 3444 be referred to the committee and that you support this passage

Thank you so much!!