

I am the mother of a teenage daughter on the autism spectrum and student at River's Edge Academy Charter School, part of Rogue River School District. I withdrew my daughter from public school in the Medford School District in 2019 and switched her to public charter school, after years of challenges for lack of resources and community in the public school system throughout southern Oregon. My daughter's disabilities affect her social abilities. I was fortunate enough to be a part of a support group for mothers of children with disabilities and was open to the idea of Charter School. A new type of education learning provided in our community that had the ability to provide a Hybrid learning environment. I had the support of in person learning that provided a structured and smaller classroom setting with a supported social environment for my daughter. Alongside with 1 on 1 support provided in our home or work environment where she could be comfortable and focused with her assigned teacher. My daughter is very intelligent and is thriving in this new learning environment. Removing funding for charters will remove the support for my disabled daughter, and so many other families and children that are thriving with this type of alternative education. I do support the bill HB 3444. My daughter's education and right to public education will be impacted if our education system is impacted financially by those opposing this bill.

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