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House Committee on Education  
Oregon State Senate  
900 Court St. NE  
Salem, Oregon 97301

Dear Chair Neron, Vice-Chairs Dobson and McIntire, and members of the Committee:

I am the River's Edge Academy Charter School's registrar and ask you to support House Bill 3444. Charter schools have an important role in educating Oregon's children. Many of the students we serve come to us because they have difficulties in the local school for various reasons. Our charter school is focused on educational innovation, providing personalized learning opportunities for our students and meeting them where they are in their unique educational journey, ultimately changing the course of young people's lives.

The fact is that Oregon law doesn't give public charter school students a fair deal. There's a big funding disparity in Oregon! Public charter schools can only access 80% of state school funds and are barred from securing other revenue sources that districts receive.

At our school, we've seen a steady rise in student enrollment, but funding hasn't kept up with enrollment. This funding gap is evident in what we can provide and results in financial burdens and limits resources for students, teachers, and classrooms. Without fair funding, students choosing charter schools will continue to be short-changed. The solution is passing HB 3444 to fix the outdated issues with Oregon's school funding model and ensure fair funding for charter school students.

I am asking you to support the passing of HB 3444 to help fix this ongoing disparity by allowing charter school students to access local, state, and federal education dollars through providing 95% of the ADMw State School Fund to the charter schools.

Every student in Oregon's public education system deserves access to well-funded public education options that meet their needs. For the sake of our teachers, staff, and especially our students, please vote yes on HB 3444.

Thank you,  
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