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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Education

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3444

Dear Chair Huron and Members of the Education Committee,

This is my testimony in support of HB 3444. With recognition of the countless constituents who agree in principal, but do not take the time to write such a message, I am asking for your support in its passage. As a parent of a future Oregon voter who is currently learning in a public charter school, I believe now is the time to update this state's legislation related to charter school funding.

You already know that public charter schools do not receive state funding in the same proportion as public district-run schools. Do all public school students in Oregon deserve the same investment in their education, whether attending a public charter school or public district-run school? I believe so.

While appropriate and effective at its outset, our state's charter school legislation no longer aligns with Oregon's current education priorities.

Please support HB 3444, have it referred to committee, and ultimately vote in support of this improvement to our state's public education funding.

Thank you for your representation of our great state of Oregon,

Thomas