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Dear House Education Committee,

Please consider this my written testimony against HB 4013.

As a mother and a taxpayer, I oppose any attempt to change who the State Treasurer or Secretary of State have appointed to the State Board of Education. I am well aware that Oregon Secretary of State Dennis Richardson's choice in Kim Sordyl was not a welcome choice by the "status quo" education lobby. Kim and I are not members of the same political party but as a mother, and someone who pays taxes to fund public education, I absolutely find her a breath of fresh air in a bureaucracy that is used to being protected and excused. We have real problems in our public education system and it takes individuals like Kim to force uncomfortable conversations so change can happen. I trust that Kim puts students before education unions, bureaucrats, institutions and power. That is what I expect from a member of the State Ed Board. Rep. Doherty's attempt to "silence" Mrs. Sordyl is pathetic and transparent. Trust me: Kim won't be silenced. She has gained the trust and respect of hundreds of parents, across every political party, because of her willingness to seek the truth and protect our children. Her champions will only grow louder. I have personally witnessed her fight to expose sexual misconduct in our schools, to improve air quality and prevent students from dangerous levels of exposure to toxins, to push back against bullying, and to fight for more transparency of where our tax dollars go in funding public education. This is EVERY PARENT's fight. It is shameful that this Committee would even consider silencing someone who represents parents and students over special interest groups. Shameful.

I urge you to respect the intentions of our State Treasurer and Secretary of State, and decline to move this bill forward.

Sincerely,
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