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## Public testimony on HB 4013

Dear Education Committee Members Roblan, Linthicum, Bentz, Dembrow, Gelser, Hass, and Thomsen

Governor Brown's recent \$300 million education proposal demonstrates, that the citizens and parents of Oregon are fed up with the state of our education system. But waving around a check is not going to cut it. Oregon's taxpayers, voters, and parents are tired of problems in our educational institutions being ignored, papered over, or covered up. As recent national revelations about inflated graduation rates in Washington D.C.'s schools show people are not willing to continue allowing educational institutions to sweep problems under the rug at our children's expense.

HB 4013 is shaping up to be a strictly party line bill. I can understand the logic of trying to prevent a Republican Secretary of State from upsetting apple carts but as an Oregon taxpayer and a parent of two children in public schools, but I value our education system being governed with checks and balances. No one is going to seriously believe that HB 4013 would be under consideration were it not for the S.O.S. sicking a pit bull on our State's moribund educational bureaucracy. HB 4013's very existence reads as a personal and institutional admission of complicity with the worst flaws in the administration of our education system.

I know how important it is that public educators are represented zealously by their unions and representatives because every member of my family (my sibling, both parents, my spouse, both in-laws, and myself) is, or has been a teacher. But as a parent of two children in our public schools I also know how important it is to have advocacy for sunlight and transparency within our education system. To pass this bill out of your committee is to sign your names on to opposing the best interests of our children, your constituent's children, of my children. If HB 4013 becomes law then every time one of our schools fails to follow policy, every time a school district demonstrates a lack of accountability, every time the mistakes and messes of the past are needlessly repeated, your names will be tied to those failures.

As members of Senate Education Committee each of you has an obligation to the public to ensure that your oversight of and the management of our schools is carried out with openness, transparency and centering our children's interests. Please carefully consider your votes. I assure you that your constituents will be provided many opportunities to remember each of your votes on HB 4013.

I respectfully urge you to Vote NO on HB 4013!

Sincerely,

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Resident, of Oregon House District 33

