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I have followed the charter school issue for a long time—first as a teacher, then as a taxpayer, and then as a parent. I have been concerned with issues of accountability, equity, quality, and transparency in the charter sector. I strongly support these regulations for the following reasons.

There needs to be more clarity in Pennsylvania's charter school law. These regulations create transparency and clarity on the enrollment process. Admissions policies should be publicly posted and discriminatory enrollment practices should be ended to ensure that all students have equal access to charter school education, especially those with intellectual or physical challenges. A rigorous and standardized charter application process will allow charter authorizers to hold prospective charter schools to high academic, ethical, fiscal, and administrative standards and help authorizers ensure charter schools are prepared to equitably serve all students.

Charter schools are public schools. It is WAY past time for the trustees of these schools to be held to basic ethical standards and to disclose and abstain from any conflicts of interest. It is also past time for the clarification of penalties for individuals who violate the public trust and use their position as a public school trustee for personal financial gain.

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There is no phenomenon in the universe that does not intimately concern us, from a pebble resting at the bottom of the ocean, to the movement of a galaxy millions of light years away. - **Thich Nhat Hanh**

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