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It has been my professional opinion for many years that Pennsylvania needs a more comprehensive and thorough process for regulating charter schools, especially cyber charter schools.

The evidence is quite clear that millions of dollars of taxpayer money is being funneled to charter school operators regardless of their qualifications to operate a public educational institution and, in many cases, with clear conflicts of interests that result in taxpayer monies lining the pockets of such institutions as hedge fund operators whose only purpose is to garner profits.

In addition, all reputable studies of Pennsylvania's and the nation's charter schools have concluded that, on average, the charter schools do not produce better results in terms of student achievement than their traditional public counterparts and, in many cases, produce far inferior results. Nevertheless, the public money continues to flow to these schools.

Lastly, there is no sign in today's charter schools that they operate for the purposes initially intended by their creation--to serve as laboratories for new and alternate educational processes that demonstrate increased student success and, as a result, can be adopted by traditional public schools.

For all of these reasons and more, I support the proposed regulations.

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