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Dear Senator,

Please stop trying to align our charter schools with public schools. We want choice, and public school is just one way of educating. Parents who choose alternative education methods love our charter schools, many have children who did not thrive in public schools for various reasons.

Our children do not need a cookie cutter approach. They are unique individuals, and have unique strengths, interests, and best ways to learn and understand different materials. With our world changing so quickly, charter and cyber schools help children prepare for a bright future. They are able to provide technological experience, offer different materials for different types of learners, offer personal attention, as well as a well rounded education overall. The individualized approach of charter schools is a human approach, and gives children the power to learn and express themselves as individuals with confidence. It's an idea whose time has come.

Cyber schools of Pennsylvania deserve your support, not further scrutiny and roadblocks. Do not impair this important tool for children and parents. Do not make Pennsylvania one of the states where children are left behind in the age of technology.

My children have mastered subjects in cyber school which public school left them floundering in. Cyber school has helped my children excell academically, and as people overall. Please consider spending a day in cyber school with the children and wonderful teachers. Talk with parents, teachers, and administrators of these schools.

Many cyber parents I talk with will choose to homeschool if our cyber school choices are reduced to replicas of public schools online. We want choices in education, not more of the same.

Thank you for considering my opinion,

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