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From: Michele Hogrelius <noreply@citizenwindow.io>
Sent: Thursday, October 7, 2021 1:03 PM
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Subject: [External] Opposition to Regulation #6-349: Charter Schools and Cyber Charter Schools

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Sincerely,

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ED, CharterRegs

From: Angela Schwabb <noreply@citizenwindow.io>
Sent: Thursday, October 7, 2021 1:29 AM
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Subject: [External] Opposition to Regulation #6-349: Charter Schools and Cyber Charter Schools

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