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Dear Secretary Ortega and the Pennsylvania Department of Education,

As a DEMOCRAT and a Bernie Sanders Liberal at that, this is one issue in which I take issue with. Why are we so blindly opposed to Charter Schools? And why is there such a deep lack of understanding of the statistics that make many Charter Schools perform poorly if standardized tests is the measure? My own child is someone who struggled with severe dyslexia. His school could not give him the support he needed so we switched to a Charter School that had stronger special education supports. Like many students, he switched schools for a reason. Students who are doing fine have no reason to look elsewhere. We did. He is the type of kids who has a great work ethic --teachers want to have him in class. He is also the type who does not score well in standardized tests -- that is the reality of dyslexia. Learning disabilities and a population of students who tend to hop from school to school are the reason for the low test scores -- NOT necessarily is it the issue of poor education in the school. Take some time and interview me and I can tell you about several local charter school and what they have done for my children. Take some time to interview me and I can tell you what it's like to teach at a regular public school, an arts charter, and a cyber. *Hint -- I'm a great teacher in any setting.

Sincerely,
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