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Dear Secretary Ortega and the Pennsylvania Department of Education,

I am writing to express my opposition to Regulation #6-349: Charter Schools and Cyber Charter Schools. My child goes to Avon Grove Charter School, a brick and mortar charter school, and this legislation does not differentiate between cyber schools and brick and mortar schools' needs.

The Avon Grove Charter School has a great relationship with their authorizing school district, AGSD. However, this regulation does not create a fair playing field between authorizers and charter school operators.

This proposed regulation assumes that charter schools do not use funds wisely, lack attention to equity, and provide no guarantee of innovation or excellence. This assumption is incorrect.

We can all agree the fair funding issue needs to be addressed. I find this regulation will do nothing to fix the problems between charter schools and district schools when it comes to the transfer of funding so that kids get their resources at the schools they attend promptly. Governor Wolf should rescind this regulation and work with the Pennsylvania General Assembly to sign into law solid charter reform this fall 2021. Rep. Jesse Topper's HB 1685 seeks to address issues, including the authorization process and ethics reforms.

Sincerely,  
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