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Dear Secretary Ortega and the Pennsylvania Department of Education,

I am an alumna of the first graduating class of a cyber charter school. Today, my son is enrolled in a cyber charter (CCA) since our local school district (central bucks) could not accommodate my family's basic health safety requirements, Based on this, I am submitting these comments in extreme opposition to the proposed Regulation #6-349: Charter Schools and Cyber Charter Schools.

The Pennsylvania Department of Education is a taxpayer-funded agency whose stated mission is "to ensure that every learner has access to a world-class education system that academically prepares children and adults to succeed as productive citizens." This proposed regulation does not support the agency's mission and is harmful toward the 150,000-plus public charter school students, parents and educators in the state. **Notably, this includes my child and myself-who have both benefited from the system as it stands.

21 years ago, at the age of 14, my family and I appealed the local school board with the same statement: You cannot treat people of a different educational background as as a rejected minority without educational options. Today, I am Head of WW Access Innovation at a top ten

Pharma company. My ability to think outside the box, do things differently and challenge the status quo is the key to my success. I am paid highly for my vision, drive and comfort in doing things differently. I believe that my educational background gave me these tools and abilities. Hence, I share a personal appeal; DO NOT HARM a system which has and will benefit Pennsylvanians.**

My charter school works hard to ensure students have the tools to succeed. It conducts yearly audits and abides by the same reporting standards as district schools. However, the regulation you propose would increase the requirements for charter schools only. I do not understand the rationale, especially since my experience with brick and mortar school districts leads me to believe that they should be liable to more scrutiny than cyber / charter, rather than vice versa. In short, my family is a prime example of the need and effectiveness of cyber charter. This bill is out fo touch with your community needs and experiences. I am happy to discuss further if helpful.

PS- Please excuse any errors or lack of flow since I prepared this on a small phone screen while in transit.

Sincerely,
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