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Dear Secretary Ortega,

I am writing to support the proposed charter school regulation #6-349. I have followed the charter school issue for a long time and have been concerned with issues of accountability, equity, quality, and transparency in the charter sector. I support requiring charter schools to follow generally accepted standards of fiscal management and audit requirements. I support requiring the trustees of charter schools to be held to basic ethical standards and to disclose and abstain from any conflicts of interest.

I support a rigorous and standardized charter application process that will allow charter authorizers to hold prospective charter schools to high academic, fiscal, and administrative standards and help authorizers ensure charter schools are prepared to equitably and inclusively serve all students. These standards are necessary to ensure that new charters are adequately prepared to meet the needs of students with disabilities and English Learners.

I believe that discriminatory enrollment practices should be ended to ensure that all students have equal access to charter school education and support a more open and transparent enrollment process.

The law requires charter schools to offer benefits comparable to the school districts in which they are located. The regulations clarify this requirement, which will help retain teachers and support quality learning experiences for charter school students.

These proposed regulations will bring clarity to the law and help to make charters more transparent and ethical. I support all of them.

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