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Dear Governor Wolf,

Thank you for your proposed legislation for transparency with the Charter School Law. My husband and I are both public school teachers in Chester County and we are strong advocates for public education. Pennsylvania is known for its outstanding public schools and we want to continue to make our schools a great place for students to learn and grow. It's what attracts people to live in Pennsylvania.

Our three children attend Coatesville Area School District. My husband is a teacher in the district, as well. The Charter School Law, as it is currently written, is detrimental to the overall livelihood of Coatesville Area School District and surrounding Chester County school districts. Without oversight and accountability, the charter schools are able to spend our tax dollars without the same level of transparency that public school districts are required. Coatesville is constantly being billed for more payments from the local charter schools even when the district has paid them what was agreed upon. Both Collegium Charter School and Avon Grove Charter School continue to siphon funds from Coatesville.

My husband's teaching job is on the line without this regulation. If Coatesville continues to receive bills without true transparency for why these bills need to be paid, it will drain its cash flow and ultimately need to cut its budget in places that will not be beneficial to teachers and students. Teacher's salaries will be lost and students will suffer.

I ask that you continue with your new regulations for the Charter School Law. It is only fair for charter schools to be as transparent as public schools. All tax-payer citizens should know where their money is spent.

Sincerely,  
Christina Clark  
Coatesville Area School District Resident