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Dear Lawmaker:

We, the undersigned charter school educators from throughout Michigan, want you to know the truth about our schools and the work being done there.

Contrary to what you might have heard, our students perform at an extremely high level, in most cases ahead of those in places where we were established. We educate students of all levels and abilities, including special education students. We don't discriminate against any type of student, no matter their circumstance or situation. Our students work hard, our teachers and administrators work hard, and we get results.

We're not taking money from the traditional public schools any more than they're taking money from us. We're able to get better results than many traditional public schools despite receiving far less per pupil. We are working toward excellence for all our children. The notion that charter schools are just in it for the money is insulting to us and to our students.

While others are focusing on what's best for the grown-ups, we're focusing on what's best for the kids.

Before you believe what you might be hearing about charter schools, we invite you to visit one of our schools. We guarantee you'll be impressed.

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