Hello,

I am writing on behalf of my son, Benjamin. He very much wanted to join his peers this year in a choir program at his local school district. Unfortunately the principal told us she was under no legal obligation to allow Ben in the program so the answer was no.

We are a very big part of our community. Even though my child is part of a charter school, our family still supports the school through fundraising and community service.

Despite how a child is educated, we should be building a community. I am always happy and often first to volunteer and activities within our local school would be no different.

In a time where our country seems so divided shouldn't we be leading by example to our children? Shouldn't we be showing them that the right thing to do is be inclusive not exclusive?

I ask you to please pass this bill. In the interest that we should be joining together as communities. Our kids want to be together. They want to work together towards a common goal and why should we stop them? The cost is negligible but the lesson is phenomenal.

Thank you, Cynda Machuca