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My eighth-grade daughter has benefitted greatly from her education at Frontier Charter Academy. She has attended FCA for the past two years, and the educational style fits her personality and learning preferences. She enjoys the freedom to organize her own school time during the day, and has maintained straight A's while doing so. She has often commented that she would not like to spend 7 hours each day with a large group of students, preferring the shorter, more focused live sessions with her classmates several times each week. The option of enrolling in a virtual public charter school gives families another way of meeting the unique needs of their children, who may not fare as well in a traditional, in-person setting. We strongly support this bill that would remove barriers to this opportunity for all families who would like to take advantage of it.