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On Behalf Of:

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As an educator in a charter school, I strongly support the passage of HB 3444, a piece of legislation that would significantly improve the funding and opportunities available to public charter schools across the state. This bill ensures that charter schools will receive 95% of the ADMw from the State School Fund, which is a critical step in addressing the inequities in funding that charter schools have historically faced. By aligning funding with other public schools, HB 3444 guarantees that charter school students will have access to the same local, state, and federal education dollars as their peers in traditional public schools. Furthermore, HB 3444 will empower charter schools to offer essential services, such as transportation, and qualify for state reimbursement grants—both of which are vital for ensuring equitable access to education for all students. Students across the state are choosing more than ever to diversify their education and charter schools are in a unique position to help students from all walks of life learn in a safe environment. Please support charter schools across the state and fully fund our students so that we can provide the best education possible.