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Dear Members of the State Public Charter School Authority Board,

First, let me say thank you for your service during these unprecedented and challenging times. I know how heavy these decisions must weigh on you amid so many conflicting opinions, interests and sources of information. As one in public service myself, I can empathize with the position you are in.

I am writing to you today as a parent, an educator, as the Assemblywoman for District 25 in Northern Nevada and the only non-Clark County legislator who sits on the Interim Education Committee in the Nevada Legislature. It is from that standpoint; I am keenly aware of my burden to ensure that Washoe and the Rural Counties are heard whenever statewide policy is considered.

I am deeply concerned that no Washoe County Charter School was made aware of the details of these recommendations before they were posted publicly with little to no time to discuss with administrative leadership, board members, staff, teachers, parents and students. With just over a week before the start of school, thousands of families will be impacted by these decisions you consider today.

As you consider item #4, re-opening and in-person learning plans on this morning's agenda, I ask that you ensure as much flexibility as possible for individual Charter Schools so they can safely reopen according to their plans and respond strategically to increased rates in their communities and campuses as needed.

As Governor Sisolak wisely moves away from broad categories of closures to a more strategic and surgical approach at the zip code level, it would be abundantly appropriate for the Charter School Authority to adopt these recommendations as guidance and not requirements for each board to consider based on the factors impacting their particular school situation.

Thank you for your consideration of each unique Charter School across this great state.

In Service,

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