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Dear Members of the State Public Charter School Authority,

I am writing to express my strong endorsement and support for the charter application of **ThrivePoint Academy of Nevada**. As the Executive Director of Leaders in Training, a nonprofit organization committed to empowering first-generation college graduates from diverse backgrounds to become the next generation of leaders, I believe ThrivePoint Academy's mission aligns seamlessly with our overarching vision of addressing systemic and structural inequities in education and beyond.

ThrivePoint Academy's dedication to serving at-risk students and providing them with an alternative educational path is both necessary and commendable. Here are several reasons why I wholeheartedly endorse their charter application:

1. **Empowering Students:** ThrivePoint Academy's commitment to empowering students deemed "at-risk" resonates deeply with our mission at Leaders in Training. It recognizes that these young individuals have unique needs and challenges that must be addressed to pave the way for their success. ThrivePoint Academy's singular focus on serving at-risk students is a vital step toward addressing the educational disparities that have persisted for far too long. By providing a safe and supportive environment, the school can help these students overcome challenges that might have hindered their educational journey.
2. **Diversity and Inclusion:** The charter school's promise to create a safe and inclusive learning environment for students from diverse backgrounds mirrors our commitment to fostering diversity, equity, and inclusion. This approach not only enriches the educational experience but also strengthens the fabric of our community. ThrivePoint Academy's dedication to inclusivity and equity ensures that students from all backgrounds, regardless of their circumstances, will have access to quality education and the support needed to thrive academically and personally.
3. **Redefining Leadership:** ThrivePoint Academy aligns with our vision of redefining leadership. It recognizes that leadership can come from any background and emphasizes the importance of leadership rooted in empathy, inclusivity, and social responsibility.
4. **Collaboration and Partnerships:** ThrivePoint Academy's commitment to working collaboratively with community organizations, nonprofits, and other stakeholders to support its students demonstrates a holistic and community-driven approach to education. By empowering at-risk students to graduate and pursue meaningful careers, ThrivePoint Academy will have a positive and lasting impact on our community. It will help reduce dropout rates, crime, and other social issues associated with educational disenfranchisement.
5. **Extended Age Range:** The school's intention to serve students through age 21 recognizes that each student's path to success is unique. This flexibility ensures that those who need additional time to complete their education can do so without feeling rushed or left behind.

6. **Alternative Education Pathways:** ThrivePoint Academy's commitment to offering alternative education pathways is essential. It acknowledges that traditional education may only suit some students and provides them with tailored options that match their needs, aspirations, and learning styles.
7. **Support for Career and Workforce Opportunities:** The school's emphasis on not only graduation but also on preparing students for career and workforce opportunities aligns with the broader goal of helping these young individuals become self-sufficient, contributing members of society.

Approving ThrivePoint Academy's charter application is an investment in students' future and a step toward achieving a more equitable and inclusive society. The synergy between our organizations' missions makes me confident that ThrivePoint Academy will be an invaluable addition to our educational landscape.

I appreciate your commitment to improving educational opportunities in our state. I urge you to approve ThrivePoint Academy, as it represents an opportunity to create a transformative educational experience for our state's at-risk youth.

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