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Kurt Thingpen, Chair

Members of the State Public Charter School Authority

Dear Chair and Members of the State Public Charter School Authority,

I am writing to express support for the continued growth of high-quality public charter schools in Nevada and for applicants that demonstrate the capacity to successfully serve Nevada students and families.

New charter schools can expand educational opportunities, introduce innovative academic models, and provide families with additional options to find a learning environment that meets the needs of their children. This is particularly valuable when applicants demonstrate a clear understanding of the communities they intend to serve and present strong academic, operational, governance, and financial plans.

Nevada benefits from an authorization process that both maintains high standards and creates a viable pathway for well-prepared schools to open. Strong accountability and thoughtful oversight are essential to maintaining confidence in the charter school sector, but qualified applicants should also have the opportunity to bring new educational options to Nevada families.

As the Authority evaluates the applications before it, I encourage members to support applicants that have demonstrated their readiness to meet Nevada's standards and provide high-quality educational opportunities for students.

Thank you for your service and for your continued work on behalf of Nevada students and families.

Respectfully,

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