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Dear Members of the State Public Charter School Authority Board,

My name is Mitchell Jenkins, and I am submitting this formal public comment for today's meeting record to report a systemic, valley-wide regulatory compliance failure across Clark County charter schools regarding unapproved participation fees and hidden low-income fee waivers.

This issue stems from an active dispute regarding a mandatory \$300 high school athletic fee, where campus administrators explicitly verified to me in writing: "*We do not have a Fee Waiver form to waive athletic fees,*" and confirmed that these mandatory student funds are actively used to subsidize operational overhead like "*Coaching Salaries.*"

My subsequent investigative outreach to approximately 90% of the public charter schools in the Las Vegas valley has uncovered a widespread, matching non-compliance pattern. These institutions are systematically operating completely outside of public education budget transparency standards, causing severe financial exclusion for vulnerable student-athletes.

These practices constitute direct violations of state law on two fronts:

1. **NAC 388A.538(1)(g):** This administrative code strictly mandates that any approved student fee policy *must* contain an explicit provision for a total waiver of fees for pupils who qualify for free or reduced-price meals. Denying the existence of a waiver form directly breaches state code.
2. **NRS 388A.366:** Public charter schools are tuition-free institutions funded via state per-pupil tax distributions. Mandatory student participation fees cannot legally be leveraged to fund operational overhead, including school staff or coaching workloads.

Because my formal complaint regarding these systemic civil and consumer violations has officially been assigned an investigator, I urge the Authority to ensure that the final findings mandate a system-wide return of funds to all affected low-income families on an expedited timeline. Public networks require families to pay these fees instantly under threat of a child being barred from participating in a sport they earned a spot on through hard work; the state should hold these networks to an equally urgent timeline when returning unlawfully collected money.

Thank you for your immediate oversight and dedication to protecting public education integrity.

Sincerely,

Mitchell Jenkins