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I support the proposed charter school regulations. They would take a step toward ensuring that charter schools are equitably and inclusively educating all students. They would also ensure that charters are held to the same ethics, financial, and auditing standards as school districts.

I have been concerned with issues of accountability, equity, quality, and transparency in the charter sector. I support these regulations. I believe that there needs to be more clarity in Pennsylvania's charter school law and support these regulations. These regulations will bring clarity to the law and help to make charters more transparent and ethical.

Charter admissions policies should be publicly posted and discriminatory enrollment practices should be ended to ensure that all students have equal access to charter school education. Charter schools are public schools, after all. The proposed regulations benefit students and ensure that students will not be discriminated against based on intellectual or physical ability or disability. It is past time for the trustees of these schools to be held to basic ethical standards and to disclose and abstain from any conflicts of interest. It is also past time for the clarification of penalties for individuals who violate the public trust and use their position as a public school trustee for personal financial gain.

Charter schools are expected to receive \$3 billion in tax dollars in 2020-2021. It is past time for these public schools to follow generally accepted standards of fiscal management and audit requirements.

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