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From: Tiffany Pacifico <noreply@citizenwindow.io> Sent: Wednesday, October 6, 2021 11:35 PM

To: ED, CharterRegs

Subject: [External] Opposition to Regulation #6-349: Charter Schools and Cyber Charter Schools

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From: Maryann Caprioli <noreply@citizenwindow.io>

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From: Stacey Barnes <noreply@citizenwindow.io>
Sent: Wednesday, October 6, 2021 9:13 PM

To: ED, CharterRegs

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The pandemic made clear that families need more choices for education, not fewer. One size does not fit all was made clear when more than 22,000 students enrolled in charter schools last year.

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