

**ED, CharterRegs**

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Dear Governor Wolf,

My name is Jocelyn Vaughn, and I am a middle school teacher at Fell Charter School (Simpson PA) for 6-8th grade Math and World Cultures. I believe that your regulations to remove Charter Schools would have a terrible impact on not only our school, but every community. Charter Schools provide education for low-income families and for those who choose not to go to public schools. Some children learn better in smaller educational settings with one on one instruction from their teachers. You need to consider the fact that not only are you going to take away thousands of jobs, but you are taking away an opportunity from these children. It is not fair to do this to the education system. There are many factors that go into this:

1. Enrollment- by capping off our enrollment, you are taking away from our funding that helps us provide the best education for the students in our school. We rely on this funding to provide every child with food, materials and a safe place to learn. You would be the reason that some of these kids would either drop out of school because Charter Schools are no longer an option or drop out of school period. Please consider this when making your decision.
2. Redirecting Process- Once again, this causes a financial issue for us. We already struggle to find funds to provide for our students and staff. Unlike public schools, we are NOT granted state funds every year. By redirecting our funds, we would not be able to

provide for our students. Our staff does the same amount of work to provide for students as public schools because we want to provide an equal education.

When reading this, I hope you take into account that as a Charter School teacher, I see myself just like any other teacher in any school system. As educators, we do not label ourselves based on where we work, we do it based on what we do. Every teacher provides the best education they can for every child in their classroom no matter the circumstance. You would take away my job and the one thing I enjoy most in life. When I chose to become a teacher in college, I took an oath to be the best teacher I could be. Please do not take away what I worked so hard for and please do not take away this opportunity from the children. Just because it is a different schooling option, does not mean that it is a poor one. Think about the future and what you are taking away from so many. Do better for our country and work to IMPROVE Charter Schools rather than taking them away. Thank you for your consideration and I hope this will help you to see it from my point of view.

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