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I'm a teacher at Lewis and Clark Montessori Charter School, and I'm writing to oppose the proposed bill to ban charter schools from operating outside of their sponsoring districts. This bill would affect us directly, since we have been given notice by our district that we have to move at the end of this school year. It's been difficult to find another space that will hold our 400 students, and the building we've found is just barely outside the district boundary. If this bill passes, our school will be in danger of having to shut down unless we can very quickly find a suitable building inside district boundaries. I've been involved as both a parent and teacher at this school for 12 years, and I feel lucky to be a part of this unique and wonderful community. This seems like an unnecessary bill that will only harm existing charter schools while providing no real benefit to school districts, schools, or families.