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On Behalf Of: Lewis and Clark Montessori Charter School
Committee: Senate Committee On Education
Measure: SB767

I am both an educator and parent of two children that attend Lewis and Clark Montessori Charter School. I see the positive affects that our school has on hundreds of families and communities within our school and the surrounding areas every day. The quality of free education that our school provides, allows children to grow, learn and thrive in so many ways.

Lewis and Clark Montessori has been in service to children and families for 14 years. We love our school. This is our community and our family. Lewis and Clark Montessori Charter School has changed our lives forever and we want to continue to see it thrive and continue to change children and families for the better.

Unfortunately, our sponsoring district has terminated our lease early and with not much notice to relocate 400 students and 17 classrooms. It has taken diligent work and weeks of searching for building that could accommodate our size within our sponsoring district. This has been a task that we quickly found to be a difficult one. Thankfully, we found a building less than 1000 feet outside of our district. Opposing this bill allows us to continue our service of providing free quality education to not just our current children and families, but to a greater community in need. Please consider how this affects our well-being as a community and ability to continue to serve. Thank you for your time and consideration.