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Committee: Senate Committee On Education  
Measure: SB767

I am submitting this testimony in opposition of SB 767. As a charter school board member and parent to two students who attend City View Charter School in the Hillsboro School District, this bill is damaging to our community and the future of our well-established school. We have been searching for our forever home for over 10 years, with no available option, to fit the unique real estate need of a school, within the boundaries of HSD. We have finally found a location to serve our community's needs and it lies just short of our district boundary by about a half a mile. The passing of SB 767 as written would terminate our future and ability to move forward, and in turn, would take away the community and educational home of more than 300 students, the large majority of which residing within our sponsor district. City View has changed our life - teaching my kids how to be better learners and better human beings, with programs in wellness, compassion, collaboration, and personal support in math and reading, and providing the only charter school option for K-8 for our district.. My daughter now enjoys school and is excited to start her mornings. Our school does not just support our community, we ARE a community, which our students will lose, along with any other charter school who currently resides shortly outside of their sponsor district boundary, without any consideration to the population it serves and the minimal distance from that boundary.

I ask the committee to strongly consider adding an amendment that would allow established charter schools to continue serving their students in a facility that falls within a certain number of miles outside of their district boundary. Passing this bill, as is, will risk limiting the availability of the quality public education our students deserve and have a right to.