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On Behalf Of:
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Measure: SB767

I have one child attending and a second soon to be attending City View Charter School in Hillsboro School District. It is the only charter school in the district and my child is thriving in the exceptional environment the school provides and we love the curriculum. City View is leasing its facilities and has been searching for 10 years for a new building, having found one that is located only a half mile outside of the school district boundary. With the lease on the current facilities soon expiring, if this bill passes without any exceptions then the school will be left without facilities in which to operate and will likely shut down, dispersing long established cohorts into already crowded classrooms elsewhere. This would be a great tragedy to the hundreds of students and faculty and the families that have built a community around this school. I ask that amendments be considered to allow charter schools to operate within two miles of the sponsoring district boundaries and/or create a requirement that a majority of the student population reside within the sponsoring district regardless of the location of the school building. Such exceptions would allow City View Charters School and other charter schools in a similar situation within the state to continue to operate and serve their communities and provide exceptional education to our children.