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I am a mother of three very bright students, currently in 6th, 4th, and 2nd grades. We are presently enrolled with a public charter school that is not based in our "home" school district, and have been for several years. As a matter of fact, my children have never been enrolled in our "home" district, as we were already enrolled with our current charter school when we moved into this district.

My children are thriving with our charter school. We have some freedom to select what we want to learn and how we want to learn it, and they consistently perform ahead of grade level standards. They participate in several local classes such as jiu jitsu, pottery, ballet, and horse back riding. These are all paid for with my students' educational funds through the charter school.

If our participation in this charter school is restricted by SB 767, there isn't a local charter school that would support our family in the same way. We will never enroll in a classroom setting in our district, nor do we find online classes to be beneficial to our children. We would continue homeschooling, but we would lose the support of the helpful staff at our charter school, we would lose the educational resources they provide, and we would lose the classes my children participate in. The local businesses that provide these classes to my children would lose this income.

I am not alone in this. I personally know dozens of families who would simply choose to homeschool rather than enroll their children in an online or classroom school setting.

Please consider the negative impact this bill would have on my family, and the others like us. Please consider the financial impact to small businesses throughout the state who are supported by educational funds through out-of-district charter school students like ours. Vote no on this bill, for my children's sake.

Thank you.