

My name is Deidre Lindsay and I am a parent of two students at New Beginnings Family Academy, in Bridgeport. I am writing in support of Raised Bill 1408 "An Act Concerning Charter Schools."

This is our family's fourth year at New Beginnings. We have sent two very different children to this school, and each of them has had a great experience. New Beginnings Family Academy is a small, safe, nurturing, personal school where my children are stimulated and challenged on a daily basis, while maintaining the structure of a familiar and comfortable routine.

Although we are under funded by the state our students are expected to perform the same or even better than their peers. Despite the per pupil allocations that have little relationship to the true cost of delivering quality education today, New Beginnings has been offering a quality education to my children. I feel it is essential for the state to increase the per pupil allocations for charter schools, without an increase it will be almost impossible for charter schools to continue making strides. The data shows that charter schools work and it is now time for the state to recognize that and SHOW US THE MONEY!

We have been so thankful for the privilege of beginning our children's education at New Beginnings Family Academy. Please increase the per pupil funding so that our children can continue to receive a quality education from a warm and encouraging school.

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