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Honorable Chairs, Members of the Appropriation Committee:

My name is Miranda Bailey and I go to a charter school. My charter school, Common Ground, does a lot of things that I appreciate, and that make me like going to Common Ground. Some examples are after school programs, awesome literature classes, mentoring programs, and laptops. But, unfortunately, we can't do all of the things we like in the school. The reason for this is we are underfunded. Compared to the student who chooses to go to a public school in New Haven over a charter school we get considerably less. In fact we get more than $3000 because we are a charter school. With that money we could do more things. We could have science labs. We could have more computer and Calculus classes and stuff we currently are not able to have. The monies we should be receiving could be used to help Common Ground. Our dedicated teachers could get salaries they deserve. We could fill our new buildings with things we need. We deserve the money.

Thanks for listening.