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Honorable Chairs, Members of the Appropriation Committee:

My name is Christian Algarin-Cruz Jr. I am a student at CGHS and the Student Government Treasurer. At Common Ground, the teachers give there all to teach us the best they can with the limited resources they have every day. The teaching here is excellent, and in my own opinion, better than other public schools that I have attended. On the other hand, even though we are educated well, we have limited classroom and teaching space, fewer academic programs, and limited after school activities, like school sports. This is all because of the amount of money our school, like other charter schools, receives. If charter school were equitably funded, we would have more classrooms and teachers. We would also have more school supplies.

Students want to take classes to help them get into college. Common Ground High School, a charter school, has been trying to offer more classes to students to further their education like Calculus. So if the money is rightfully given to the charter schools they will be able to push their students further.

Please support student-based funding to fund charter schools fairly and sustainably.

Christian Algarin-Cruz

Common Ground Student