Good afternoon, my name is P.J. Prunty, I am the President & CEO of the Greater Danbury Chamber of Commerce and I am here this evening to offer our full support of Danbury Prospect School’s to establish a Charter school in the City of Danbury.

I have had the opportunity to take a trip down to Brooklyn Prospect’s school in NYC over a year ago and I was completely blown away about the entire operation of this Charter school, ranging from the students, to the teachers, administrators and most importantly, the curriculum being built around the prestigious and academically challenging “International Baccalaureate” framework, which is an absolute perfect fit for Danbury students.

From the Chamber’s perspective, this would be a huge win for the City of Danbury and surrounding towns. In large part due to the direct correlation between quality education options, and the desire to live and open a business in the area. One of the highest concerns for families either looking to stay, or move to an area, is the education program. Having Danbury Prospect Charter school in the City of Danbury would help accomplish just that.

The City of Danbury is known throughout the state and region as being one of the most diverse cities where people from ALL walks of life choose to co-exist in one community, it’s truly one of our greatest assists. The fact that Danbury prospect has designed a program that will serve the socioeconomically and racially diverse families that make up the City, creating an inclusive learning environments that gives students of ALL backgrounds an equal chance to succeed is one of the biggest reasons the Chamber of Commerce supports this application.

As one of the few cities & towns in the State of Connecticut where student population growth is continuing to trend upwards at a steady rate, there could not be a more perfect time to open up a Charter School in the City of Danbury. The time is now.

Thank you for your time and the opportunity to share my thoughts on how positive of an impact it would be for our community to have Danbury Prospect School’s open their doors in the very near future in Danbury.

This completes my testimony.

Respectfully submitted by:

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