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Charter schools have developed into a viable and necessary alternative to traditional schools. They are saving the kids that would normally be left behind.



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In opposition to the proposed expansion of charter schools, there are several critical concerns that warrant careful consideration. One primary apprehension revolves around resource allocation, as the expansion may divert essential funds away from traditional public schools, potentially leading to budget cuts and a subsequent decline in overall educational quality and extracurricular programs. Another significant issue is the perceived lack of accountability associated with charter schools, raising concerns about inadequate oversight, financial mismanagement, and academic performance disparities. Additionally, worries arise regarding exclusionary practices, with fears that charter schools may implement selective admission criteria, potentially excluding certain students and compromising the principle of inclusive education. The broader impact on the public education system is a crucial consideration, as charter school expansion may contribute to fragmentation, potentially jeopardizing community cohesion and the overall health of the public education system. Moreover, concerns extend to the working conditions of teachers, including job security and potential disparities in compensation compared to their counterparts in public schools. Lastly, the potential lack of community engagement in decision-making processes related to charter school expansion underscores the importance of aligning educational developments with the preferences and needs of the local community.



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I do not want Public School funds diverted for Charter Schools. Public Schools benefit ALL-Charter only some. Do not use my tax money to fund these schools.



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As a parent and taxpayer, I am vehemently opposed to these charter school "education reform" bills that are a blatant attempt to erode the public school system in our state. Charter schools should be sponsored by and accountable to the local community through the elected school board and approved only after an impact study is conducted by the district to consider the proposal. The removal of the enforcement mechanism to investigate educational neglect is unconscionable. My tax dollars are meant to fund PUBLIC schools, which benefit the PUBLIC good. I should not be forced to tacitly support charter or other private schools, especially when they have minimal oversight. It is a recipe for financial abuse, not to mention the potential harm to students.



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I, too, was a fervent charter school supporter when the first law was passed in Missouri. But I no longer am a supporter because of the tepid successes of most charter schools in St. Louis. I don't think it is wise to expand charters at the cost of the regular public school system. Our nation's public schools have standardized curriculum that offer ALL students learning goals important to their success and to our democracy. I taught in a public high school for over 30 years; I educated my own three adult children in public schools. I believe in them now more than ever!



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I am opposed to House Bills 1465,1941, and 1764. Any move to increase the number of Charter Schools in Missouri is a direct attack of the public school system. It is not about choices! It is about taking money from public schools, which are already terribly underfunded.



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I am Opposed to this Bill and its terrible intensions. This Bill takes away Local Control of local School Boards. You can NOT have your cake and eat it too. There is zero oversight and Charter Schools will drain the Public School Budget. 95% of Charter School Fail and Close within three (3) Years wasting Millions of Tax-Payers Dollars.



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As a retired public school teacher, I am opposed to expanding charter schools to St. Louis Country. Funding for these charter schools will decrease traditional public schools resources in our county.



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I am a public school teacher in St. Louis County and I oppose this proposed bill. I believe that charter schools should be sponsored by and accountable to the local community through the elected school board and approved only after an impact study is conducted by the district to consider the proposal. Because this bill lacks accountability and oversight, I oppose this bill. I believe that we should be investing in our public schools that already exists as to not spread our resources even thinner, decrease local control and oversight, as well as allowing such charter schools to operate without accountability. We have already provided online classes and there are numerous private schools in our state. I don't see the benefit of even more schools other than to undermine and pull resources away from the public schools that already exist. I don't think this bill is helpful in combating the teacher shortage happening in our state and around the country. If numerous districts have vacancies they cannot fill, how are all of these new charter schools going to find certified, high-quality candidates? I would encourage the committee and state congress to focus their energies on fully funding and supporting our great public schools and teacher preparation/retention programs instead.



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We are 49th in the nation in funding schools. We don't need charter school expansion- we need you to fully fund our public schools and stop playing partisan politics. It's disgusting. You're willing to continue to stifle public education to advance your political careers.



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I want my tax dollars going toward improving public schools. Parents that want to send their children to private schools have the resources to send their children. They don't need our tax dollars. Charter schools have very little curriculum that adheres to state and federal requirements and unqualified parents should not be telling my children or grandchildren what they should be learning. Qualified professionals should. Stop funding elitist schools and help children become better students and citizens by providing more funding to public schools and PAY TEACHERS MORE.



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No public money to private schools period



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As a lifelong resident of Missouri I fervently oppose any expansion of charter schools. The MO Legislature needs to focus on fully supporting public education, not undercutting it with these dangerous bills.



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The expansion/establishment of charter schools doesn't help Missouri's educational problem. Focus on public schools - rural, urban, and suburban - to see progress.



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Any bill that expands charter schools without accountability is going to make the playing field for public schools less even than it is now. Moving public money into charter schools is going to harm neighborhood public schools and is going to keep feeding this crisis in education, further dismantling it Thankfully, during the hearing today, the bill sponsor made it abundantly clear in his commentary. The values argument is primary and the charter expansion would benefit conservatives of a certain demographic, not lower socio-economic students. It's a way to get public money to fund regressive, and/or religious ideology. There is nothing in the bill to prevent a sponsor entity being an ideological non-profit. There is not accountability for performance other than closings. If a reason for charter expansion is that people want alternatives to public schools because of differing values and want schools that reflect those shared values, then everyone's values should be respected. So now that the quiet part has been said out loud, it makes charter expansion even more inappropriate for the state of Missouri. Additionally charter schools come in to neighborhoods promising a better deal and siphon students from neighborhood public schools and their census falls to the point of staff reduction. Charters close or simply refuse to serve a student for any number of reasons, then the public school has to take students BUT now they're shortstaffed. Vote no on charter expansion. I was there in person today but had to leave to testify in the Senate



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Privatization leads to less accountability to our children and elitism.



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As a retired educator and product of public schools, who worked 29 years in Catholic Schools and sent both of my children to Catholics schools from grades K-12, I firmly believe that investing in and strengthening our public education system is the key to ensuring a brighter future for all. I also strongly believe in separation of church and state. First and foremost, public schools are the cornerstone of our communities. They bring together students from diverse backgrounds, fostering a sense of unity and social cohesion. By attending public schools, children learn to appreciate and respect the differences that make our society vibrant and inclusive. Charter schools, on the other hand, often cater to specific groups or interests, potentially exacerbating social divisions. Moreover, public schools are accountable to the community they serve. They are subject to rigorous regulations and oversight, ensuring that taxpayer dollars are spent wisely and transparently. In contrast, charter schools often operate with less scrutiny, leading to concerns about financial mismanagement and the misuse of public funds. We must prioritize accountability to ensure that every dollar invested in education is used to its fullest potential. Another crucial aspect to consider is the impact on students with special needs or those who require additional support. Public schools are legally obligated to provide equal access to education for all students, regardless of their abilities. They have the resources and expertise to offer specialized programs and services, ensuring that every child receives the support they need to thrive. Charter schools, however, may not always have the same level of commitment or capacity to accommodate students with diverse needs. Furthermore, public schools are the backbone of educational research and innovation. They serve as laboratories for testing new teaching methods, curriculum development, and educational policies. By investing in public education, we can collectively drive progress and improve the quality of education for all students. Charter schools, while sometimes innovative, often operate in isolation, limiting the potential for widespread positive change. Lastly, let us not forget the dedicated teachers and staff who work tirelessly in our public schools. They are the unsung heroes who shape the minds of future generations. By supporting public education, we can provide them with the resources, training, and fair compensation they deserve. This, in turn, will attract and retain talented educators, ensuring a high-quality education for all students. In conclusion, I urge you to reconsider the expansion of charter schools and instead focus on strengthening our public education system. By doing so, we can foster inclusivity, accountability, and innovation, while providing equal opportunities for all students. Let us work together to build a future where every child has access to a high-quality education that prepares them for success in an ever-changing world. Thank you for your time and consideration.



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As a retired Missouri educator, I am writing in opposition to establishing or expanding charter schools. There is extensive research that demonstrates that charter schools have equal or worse performance than public schools. The representatives of Missouri should support its current and future educators.



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This is not a good use of our taxpayer dollars.



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We oppose this bill. Charter schools are allowed to select their students while public schools must take any and all students in their district, thus burdening their resources. Charter schools drain funds away from public schools, whose funding is based on the number of students attending. The greater the number of charter schools in an area, the more severely underfunded the public schools become. Public education used to be one of our nation's strengths but now support and funding are going to private schools under the guise of vouchers and charters. The increasing privatization of education is harmful to students, teachers, and our country overall.



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I can not express enough, how much I **OPPOSE** Charter Schools being able to take money away from Public Education. Public Funds should go to Public Schools!!! Charter schools are not."choice" for many kids. You will take away the most precious right to a child...Education and learning. Schools in rural or urban areas will close and the children the school did not **CHOOSE**, will have no choice! These bills are not protecting any children or any community, they are only lining the pockets of the wealthy grifters who want to make a buck off our children and divert their tax dollars. If you want your child to go to a Charter school...send them, but let the majority of Missouri children learn in **FUNDED PUBLIC SCHOOLS!!**



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I oppose this legislation and support increasing funding for publicly funded districts.



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Testimony – HB 1485 Christ, HB 1764 Hicks, HB 1941 Toalsen - Special Committee on Education Reform – Chair Bishop Davidson - January 17th, 2024 – House Hearing Room 7Chairman and members of the Committee, my name is Gail Griswold. I am the President of Camdenton School Board of Education and a lobbyist for ArmorVine. I want to thank you for allowing testimony today on three (3) Charter School expansion bills. Charter Schools are not on a level playing field as Public Schools. They are not Accredited by the State Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, DESE, like Missouri Public Schools. They are exempt from resource and process standards under MSIP that public schools are required to implement. Charter schools receive an APR score but they are not subject to Accreditation like public schools. Charter Schools do not have to have certified Superintendents, certified Principals, or certified Teachers like Public Schools do. This is not free market competition. The free market doesn't shackle one group and not the other and expect them to compete on unequal footing.This model of public private partnerships is extremely irresponsible and goes free market principals. Public schools will never ever be able to operate on a free market, especially with DESE's boot on the neck of the schools.From an efficiency standpoint, how many schools does the state need to fund? Is expanding the budget to fund more schools a conservative approach to policy? I have listened to Republicans complain about DEI, SEL, Secular Humanism, etc in public schools, but have yet to have a Republican acknowledge what is being taught in Missouri Charter Schools.A simple online search into each of the current Charter Schools currently operating in Missouri will lead you to statements like these on their website:"Unraveling Whiteness." "The Unraveling Whiteness Course utilizes several modalities to frame our time together;"-This is a course based on the book by Robin DeAngelo call "White Fragility" and Shelly Tochluk's "Whitenessing Whiteness." "We are KC's first and only public, single-gender school." "We work to build a feminist, antiracist space where young women support and challenge one another in true sisterhood."-

Anti-racism and Anti-bias are critical theories that state that it is ok to discriminate against one race to left up another race. KIPP Charters is one of the largest Charter School organizations in the State and across the U.S. They are built up of alumni from the Teach for America program. Teach for America, TFA, is a program that takes college graduates from any degree and puts them into a training program, then sends them into a charter school for two (2) years to "teach" and then sends those individuals to work in government policy. Examples from the KIPP website include statements like: "Becoming An Anti-Racist Organization" "In pursuit of our commitment to becoming an Anti-Racist organization, KIPP SoCal Public Schools have adopted Anti-Racist Policy & Standards that acknowledge our power and responsibility to take a leading stance against systemic racism, discrimination, bias, and educational injustice.Last year the general assembly passed HB 447 that has left the door open for DESE to mandate secular humanism. For example, last year, SB 381 was passed

out of a Senate committee and added to HB 447 that was passed the General Assembly and was signed by the Governor. In that legislation, there was a provision to go around the public comment laws outlined in the 2014 bill HB 1490, the anti-common core bill, that the moms against common core fought for. Section 160.527 states "The requirements of section 160.514 shall not apply to this section." That section of the law has given DESE free rein and is now conducting a work group with tenants of secular humanism and its praxis that will soon be recommended to the State Board of Education with no public comment allowed. I urge this committee to not spread the disease of secular humanism running rampant in charter schools and instead focus on reining in the overreach of DESE. Thank you, Gail Griswold (Image examples quoted in this testimony will be presented at hearing.)



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I t thank you for your service and want to beg you v to support public schools and to resist the temptation to allow charter expansion to erode public school funding and standards. Please oppose these bills.



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I oppose forming charter schools in missouri. I previously lived in a state that claimed school choice but instead had strict entry requirements, took tax revenue from public school that left even the better districts scraping by for funding. I so not support any bills in regards to school choice, vouchers or charter schools.



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Diverting taxpayer funds to privatized, for-profit educational institutions with no oversight is gross negligence. While I'm not surprised by the gross negligence, as this state's Republican "leadership" is full of wildly incompetent clowns and puppets, it's still taxation without representation.



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This isn't about doing what is right, it is about dismantling public education. Building private charter schools to funnel state funds earmarked for public school districts without educational and fiscal oversight by an elected school board is a completely irresponsible. Missouri ranks 49th in the country for public school funding while sitting on a \$4 BILLION+ surplus. Perhaps putting that money toward the school districts the state has strangled into 4 day school weeks would be a better use of legislative time.



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I live in the Lindbergh School District (zip code 63126) and I am a constituent of Christ. All five voting members of my household are opposed to HB1485. Brad you make us very unhappy.



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The Missouri National Education Association (MNEA) opposes HB 1485. The Association believes that charter schools should be sponsored by and accountable to the local community through the elected school board and approved only after an impact study is conducted by the district to consider the proposal. I agree. Because this bill lacks accountability and oversight, I am also opposed to it.



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I'm opposed to ANY of MY tax dollars going towards for profit, private or religious schools.



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Greetings, My message is the same for all three bills (HB1764, HB1485 and HB1941). I do not support these bills. The solution to degraded performance of the public (ie government sponsored and run) schools is not another government school option. The solution is eliminating the clear and present danger to educational excellence in the state of Missouri which is the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. The only way the kids in our state have a real chance of having a solid education based on the classical foundations of reading, writing, arithmetic, science, apolitical history and civics is the wholesale elimination or defunding of DESE. Government schools have failed Missouri's kids for many years now and is directly tied to the progressive politically active DESE running public (ie government) education that is more interested indoctrinating kids than actually teaching real things. Kids should never be inflicted with politically divisive materials and yet that's exactly what DESE has promulgated statewide for years now and the results are clearly shown in Missouri's educational performance in comparison to other states. That is simply unacceptable. I'm quite honestly stunned Conservative Republicans are pushing this as a solution and calling it a win for "school choice". The only "school choice" that would mean anything is either abolishing or hollowing out DESE's gargantuan influence in the government school system throughout the state. Their budget has become enormous under the leadership of Republicans and with this leviathan continuing to be fed with reckless fiscal abandon, there is no hope for our kid's to get a quality education through the government solutions. DESE must be dealt with seriously or else all of this is fluff and poppycock that isn't really worth the paper it's written on. More government isn't the solution and I sincerely thought the GOP of Missouri understood this loud and clear. I guess not. Please vote NO. Thank you for your time and consideration. Jason T. Moore Wild Horse Township Committeeman St Louis County Republican Central Committee



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Charter school expansion into St Louis County is a solution looking for a problem. Expansion of charter schools should not occur when they are not held to the same standards as public schools. Charter school board are appointed, not voted on by stakeholders of that school, so the public has no say in who governs that school. They are not required to abide by the same laws and regulations that public schools are required to follow. They accept public money, though do not have the same requirements for transparency in their financial as public schools would have. The assumption that charter schools help by competition with public schools is false. They are allowed to fail with no consequences is another issue that is not the case with public schools. The money taken away from public schools to fund charter schools that turns into stranded costs when children leave for a charter schools is an issue without additional funding to fix that stranded cost issue. If enough students leave for charter schools, it can cause a downward spiral of causing public schools to fail, which defeats the purpose of the competition that charter schools are supposed to provide. Without the ability to work on the same level as a public school, with the same requirements, especially with the need to accept all students and provide special educations services as needed for students, charter schools are working on an unfair advantage to public schools.



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Charter schools only erode public education, please just properly fund the existing public schools of Missouri!



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I am writing to oppose HB1485. I believe public money should be used for public schools to support communities.



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I oppose these efforts. Charter schools with no monetary or educational oversight is a very bad idea. Not to mention it funnels money away from our public schools.



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I oppose the establishment of charter schools in St. Louis County. There is no reason to add more schools to an already over complex system of public schools and DESE should be focusing on supporting the institutions they have in place, not expanding/confusing the system further. I see through the GOP plot to ruin public education in Missouri.



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After defunding public schools for decades, the solution to students' struggles is to resume funding the public schools. Subsidizing unaccountable corporate classrooms will be another setback for Missouri.



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I am a science teacher who understands all of our humans deserve high levels of education. Charter schools, while they can be effective under some circumstances (i.e. typically those involving cherry picking to some degree), are almost never representative of a given populace and cannot be taken seriously; nor are typical charter schools guaranteed to remain in service to a local populace, whether they be deemed functional or not by some arbitrary and biased measure geared towards profiteering. All of our students deserve stable, well-funded public educational institutions and charter schools are, absolutely, not the appropriate avenue for our goal of an educated group of young people prepared to contribute to the betterment of the whole. Public education, in the absence of charters, is the best means to the benefit of all Missouri citizens.



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We don't need public funds going to quasi private charter schools with no public oversight.



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I believe that charter schools are in the most part inferior to public schools. They promise a lot and seldom deliver. They take resources from public education, resources that are already inadequate. They increase the cost of administration and oversight.



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Charter schools in Missouri have poor outcomes and poor performance records for the most part. They are also not well run with few exceptions. We should be supporting our local public schools instead of competing with them. And creating more charter schools so people can refuse to teach things that are known facts but they don't want to teach is not education. I work in the field of education and have seen what happens when money is diverted to charter schools rather than trying to make local schools better.



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Charter schools divert the little money Missouri Public Education receives. Poorer districts depend on that money! I personally taught in a district where the average student has to drive 30 minutes just to get to school. This school already depended heavily on state funding. How will more charter schools help them?



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Our public schools need the funding, there are already so many districts that have gone to 4 days weeks and this creates the foundation for more districts to have to do that too. Families with money will go to private. Families who without money will have to stay a public or charter schools and the disparity will grow in our communities. Please do not approve this.



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I am opposed to any expansion of charter schools within the State of Missouri.



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I oppose this bill. We should be supporting our PUBLIC schools, not spending time and money expanding for-profit schools. If for-profit companies want to create private schools - that is not a problem but I do not want my tax dollars paying for them.



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I OPPOSE



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The Missouri Legislature is pushing a number of bills that take money from Missouri's public schools, which are already struggling for funding. These bills reinforce redlining and worsen education inequality. HB1485 would allow charter schools in more places. Charter schools pull thousands of students and associated state/local tax dollars away from Missouri's public schools and help lead to situations where public schools are underfunded and closing. These charter schools have no accountability or oversight and don't answer to elected school boards like public schools do. Over half of the charters in Missouri have already closed, at which point students must go back to public schools that may no longer exist. Missouri has a long history of valuing quality education. Black Missourians in St. Louis docked a steamboat in the middle of the Mississippi river to create the Floating Freedom School and secure their education in the mid-1800s. German immigrants to Missouri in the 1800s made kindergarten a national standard. Unfortunately, we've gone backwards in recent years and now rank at the bottom of the nation in education due to misguided bills like these. I urge you to oppose all these bills and fully fund and support public schools and teachers to provide a free quality education to all of Missouri's children, allowing them to learn, grow, and thrive.



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No to schools that have no public accountability. No to schools without education standards. No to my tax money paying for these schools.



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We need to be putting our money into the Public School System, not charter schools.



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Fund our public schools



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As a taxpayer & citizen of MO, I oppose any expansion of charter schools. The legislature needs to focus on funding & supporting the existing public school system.



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Charter schools lack the oversight of an elected school board. Aside from that, it's important to note that one of the biggest indicators of proficiency is remaining in the same school. When charters enter the picture, mobility increases in schools and proficiency is decreased.



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I am a 17 year public educator, parent to a child who attends a public school, and a tax-paying citizen — and I oppose these bills with these three roles in mind. Charter schools lack the transparency, oversight, and regulation that is required in nearly every area of society funded by taxes, and charter schools should be no different. It is imperative that uses of tax payer money be monitored to prevent fraud / misuse of funds and to ensure educational outcomes expected. At this time, charter schools are not held to this standard, which is why they are chronically plagued in financial distress and why they under-perform on standardized tests. I am not opposed to private schools nor differentiated schools; I am opposed to publicly funding these schools as they are currently operating in our state.



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WITNESS NAME: MARILYN MCLEOD		PHONE NUMBER: 573-239-3708
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MISSOURI		TITLE: PRESIDENT
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The League of Women Voters of Missouri opposes the expansion of charter schools because they are not held to the same standards as traditional public schools and the majority of them have failed and closed. It would be a disservice to the citizens of Missouri to continue to foist the failed charter school experiment onto our communities. • Charter schools are not held to the same standards as traditional public schools. They are “freed” from having to comply with most state regulations that are designed to ensure a minimum level of adequacy, including being accredited by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. For example, 100% of faculty in traditional public schools must meet state certification standards, while only 80% of charter school faculty members must be appropriately certificated. • Charter schools are not required to serve their “fair share” of students who present many challenges such as students with significant disabilities, students who are homeless, and students recently released from juvenile detention programs. This inequity results in higher concentrations of students that require significantly more resources in traditional public schools. • Charter schools are governed by boards that are privately appointed, not elected, and such boards often employ private for-profit corporations to operate publicly funded charter schools. This significantly weakens accountability and contributes to citizens becoming “disinvested” from their local public schools. • There is an unfounded belief that charter schools are superior to traditional public schools and therefore provide parents with an advantageous choice. Studies of charter school academic achievement do not demonstrate that they are better than traditional public schools.



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Charter schools take resources from public education, are not required to serve all students, and are not held to the accountability standards that are applied to public education. Missouri needs to fund its public schools, not spread its resources even further.



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Charter schools should be approved and sponsored by the elected school board and the community they represent. Therefore i oppose this bill.



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The Missouri State Teachers Association opposes charter school expansion if not granted by the local school board within an existing accredited Missouri public school district and the charter encourages the best Missouri educators to participate by requiring at least the same certification and compensation standards of other public schools in the district, as well as making certain that tenure status are not reduced or lost as a result of teaching in the public charter school. MSTA further supports requiring all members of a public charter school board be residents of the district in which the charter school serves.



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Charter schools must not be funded using public tax dollars! Public funds must be used for the enhancement and in support of public schools ONLY!



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I will not support the use of taxpayer money for religious schools. If parents want to send their kids to charter or religious schools, then they should pay for them. Missouri public schools are not keeping up because you republican legislators keep cutting funding in hopes you can promote your religious and charter schools. I say NO public funding of charter and religious schools.



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Missouri Equity Education Action opposes moving money from public schools. We believe charter expansion will further dismantle public education. The attacks on diversity, equity and inclusion expressed in the rollout of these bills harm already marginalized students. MoEEP-A urges opposition to this bill.



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WITNESS NAME: MOLLIE MCAULEY		PHONE NUMBER:	
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This is a tax benefit to only the wealthiest. It hurts our more rural and economically depressed areas that there are no private schools especially ones that only cater to christians.



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I am opposed to this bill. Charter schools have not shown to be successful, and we have excellent publicly funded schools in our area anyway. I support community schools.



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WITNESS NAME: RUSSELLA LEVIN		PHONE NUMBER:
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We need our money to fund public schools. I am 100% opposed to Charter Schools, and I think it's a huge mistake to take public school funds and spend them on Charter schools. We need to increase State funding for public schools, not diminish it by sharing with Charter schools. Terrible idea.



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WITNESS NAME: SARA HELLWEGE		PHONE NUMBER:
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Chair Davidson, Vice Chair Hicks, Ranking Minority Member Sharp, and members of the Special Committee on Education Reform, My name is Sara Hellwege. I live in St. Louis County, and I'm a constituent of Rep. Brad Christ, the sponsor of this bill. I'm also a homeowner and a mom of two school-aged children who attend public schools. I am strongly opposed to HB 1485 Establishment of Charter Schools bill because the language in the bill lacks accountability and oversight. Local communities now provide a higher percentage of school funding than the state. As a taxpayer who is funding these schools, I should be able to elect board members, and charter schools should be held to the same standards and regulations as public schools. In addition, it seems counterproductive and wasteful to recreate the wheel by opening new schools when we can simply grease the wheel by investing in and fully funding the public school system that already exists. I ask you to consider my testimony and vote NO on this bill. Thank you again for the opportunity to testify. I urge you not to send this bill to the House floor.



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Any legislation that encourages and/or supports the establishment of charter schools undermines public education, which, in the interest of fairness and equality, is where our focus and tax dollars should be directed.



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I am writing in opposition to HB1485. Our public schools are treasured assets in our community and we need to do all in our power to support them. Charter schools in St. Louis County would be a detriment to our current public schools. Please do not support this bill.



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I am very much in opposition to this bill. I have multiple concerns regarding what this bill would mean for our most vulnerable students. All those concerns come back to question of whether charter schools are equitable, and the answer to that question is that they are not. Charter schools do not have the resources to help every student, yet they receive money from the government. Money that traditional public schools so desperately need. Charter schools cannot accept all students and due to the lack of oversight and regulations, students do not get the education that they need in order to succeed. This is in direct opposition to the tenets of IDEA, which is a federal law that protects students, and legal documents including individualized educational plans and 504s.



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I adamantly oppose these bills defunding public education and putting state money into FOR profit charter schools.



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Defunding our public schools will do nothing short of destroying public education. Strong public education is the core of any great community, and without funds for outstanding teachers, admin, and facilities, you are setting them up to fail. Absolutely not!



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Charter schools are government schools but they disregard the representation so critical from all taxpayers and parents. This equates to Taxation without Representation.



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WITNESS NAME: STEPHEN BLECHLE		PHONE NUMBER: 636-448-9374	
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Charter schools undermine the local control aspect crucial to public education, as Charter schools do not have publicly elected school boards.



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WITNESS NAME: STEVEN R. CARROLL		PHONE NUMBER: 573-761-5952	
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Charter Schools seemed like a great idea in the 70's, but, the reality is that Charter Schools put profit over education, and keep education segregated. They operate like privileged, private schools-no diversity and no accountability to students, teachers, or their communities. We are the "Show-Me" State because we are skeptics and need to see the evidence. With Charter Schools the evidence is clear, administrators get rich, students and teachers pay the price. Just follow the money to know why any Missouri legislator supports charter school expansion.



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Charter schools should be sponsored by and accountable to the local community through the elected school board and approved only after an impact study is conducted by the district to consider the proposal.



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Charter schools are not supported by the research, and any effectiveness that may be documented in some charter schools could be replicated in public schools, with the right supports in place. Taxpayer money is for public schools, not for moneymaking ventures.



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Charter schools are unnecessary. Missouri lawmakers should support our public schools to the fullest extent. I don't want my tax money going to a charter school that gets to operate by different rules than public schools.



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I am the Rev. Dr. Teresa Danieley, President of the Parent Teacher Organization at Mann Elementary School in St. Louis Public Schools, Missioner for Public Advocacy for the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri, and Champions Organizer for Missouri Jobs with Justice. All three of my children attend St. Louis Public Schools. Charter schools are a scourge on our state, our democracy and the future of our children. Their expansion must be stopped. They divide up communities, destabilize neighborhoods and school districts and waste money. In the City of St. Louis - leaving aside for the moment the many individual charter school scandals - every time a charter school closes, millions of dollars disappear, completely unaccounted for because charter schools rely on public dollars with little to no public oversight and with NO publicly elected school board. They open and close so often in St. Louis, I call them "Pop Up" schools. If charter schools are expanded to other jurisdictions, this is what they can look forward to. As the Network for Public Education makes clear in their extensively researched "NPE Toolkit on School Privatization": Charter schools are private entities that receive taxpayer money to operate privately controlled schools that do not have the same rules and responsibilities as public schools. Charter schools have become a vehicle for privatization of the public-school sector. While charters may have originally conceived to be locally run, independently operated schools accountable to parents and the community, in reality, most charter schools are now operated by private organizations. The charter school sector does not get better academic results than public schools and often performs worse. Charters sometimes appear to do better because they engage in policies and practices that control the types of students they choose to serve. Charter schools are not "better" than publicly governed public schools. The significant body of research on charters shows they generally do no better and often do worse than traditional public schools. Charter schools are not a "pathway out of poverty." There's no evidence charters produce better long-term outcomes for students. "High-performing" charter schools are an illusion. Even the best performing charter schools can trace some or all of their advantages to differences in the students they teach. They do not have to take any student like publics do—regardless of space, grade or time of the year. Charter schools can appear to outperform publicly governed public schools when they don't enroll the same types of students. Because charters tend to serve far fewer students with disabilities and fewer who don't speak English as their first language, they can appear to be higher performing. Many charters do not "backfill" when students leave or take older students. Others do not offer free or reduced-priced lunch or ask for parental donations. Charter schools keep only the students they want. Through various methods, like frequent suspensions and grade level retention, charter schools shed their most problematic students who must then return to local publicly governed schools that accept all students. ___ Charter schools, vouchers, open enrollment, the 4 day work week, weakening in child labor law - ultimately - ALL of these laws would lead to a Missouri and a US in which the only children who would receive a quality education would be the those who could afford to pay for it. The rest of our children would just go to

work. Right now, billionaires - both Christians and liberarians - are pouring money into school privatization schemes and into these bills because they can reduce their tax burden in the short term by giving to various 501c3s now AND in the long term - by eliminating publicly funded, publicly governed public schools. I went to Yale and the University of Chicago. I know these people very well. They do not care about poor Black children in the City of St. Louis or poor white children in Springfield. Reject their schemes. Defend and support publicly funded, publicly governed public education so that ALL of our children may thrive. So that our state may thrive.



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We don't need it.



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WITNESS NAME: WILLIAM COOPER		PHONE NUMBER:
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I am opposed to the expansion of charter schools because they do not serve the public and should not receive public dollars.



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