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We need these schools to get the kids being left behind.



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This will open up the door for student that need more options when current public schools cannot meet their needs.



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My child goes to Columbia Public Schools. We are on the verge of being unaccredited. Our children deserve to receive a quality education and have choice in what school they attend no matter what their financial situation. CPS constantly shuts parents out, is moving to an equity based grading system, took our children to a drag show, limits voices at school board meetings, allows BLM and LGBTQ+ flags in classrooms and is soft on behavior which causes a horrid learning environment. Our children deserve better.



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WITNESS NAME: AMANDA MICHEL		PHONE NUMBER:
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Hey litter lady, you're a nut job. Seek help and stop embarrassing our state. I thought Boone County was an educated place, but then I saw a picture of your hilariously gerrymandered district. Resign, you moron.



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WITNESS NAME: AMBER BENGE		PHONE NUMBER:
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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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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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WITNESS NAME: ANN MANDELSTAMM		PHONE NUMBER:
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Same statement as above.+



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WITNESS NAME: ANN ZIMPFER		PHONE NUMBER:
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I am opposed to this bill because it is a direct attack on public schools in Missouri.



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WITNESS NAME: ANNE BLOEMKE-WARREN		PHONE NUMBER:
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The further expansion of charter schools to smaller, more rural communities would ultimately be detrimental to the overall education of the community's children by further diluting the funding mechanism and reducing the funding to public schools attended by the vast majority of the area's youth. Public schools remain the most consistently successful educational provider for our children, and expansion of charter schools will erode that success. Not just for public school children, but ALL children and families going forward by eroding the entire system of education in our state.



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WITNESS NAME: ARNIE C. "HONEST-ABE" DIENOFF-STATE PUBLIC ADVOCATE		PHONE NUMBER:
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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 to 10-Years, wasting Millions of Tax-Payers Dollars.



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WITNESS NAME: BETSY VANDERHEYDEN		PHONE NUMBER:
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As a retired public school teacher, I oppose HB 1941. This bill will result in reduced funding and resources for Columbia public schools.



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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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WITNESS NAME: CHRISTINE CARLSON		PHONE NUMBER:
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STOP FUNDING CHARTER SCHOOLS. These religious schools indoctrinate children. Public schools are for EVERY CHILD. Not just for the rich or MAGA religious nut families. I don not want my tax dollars going toward charter schools. The parents of those students can pay for it!!!!



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WITNESS NAME: CHRISTOPHER JENNESS		PHONE NUMBER:
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No public money to private schools period.



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WITNESS NAME: CYNTHIA HEDRICK		PHONE NUMBER:
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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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WITNESS NAME: DAN BRIGMAN		PHONE NUMBER:
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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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WITNESS NAME: DAVA-LEIGH BRUSH		PHONE NUMBER:
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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 her commentary. The values she wants the world to have are her values and her values alone. The attack on diversity, equity and inclusion was stark and a little bit shocking. It was disturbing to hear her say that families who start a charter school that share their values of teaching full history, or supporting LGBTQ children would not be something that she would support. 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 Inappropriate for the state of Missouri.I appeared in person 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 am in extreme **OPPOSITION OF CHARTER SCHOOLS USING PUBLIC FUNDS!!!** This will ruin so many rural and urban communities and guess what when they need resources they are coming to **YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD!!** Charter schools are not a "choice" for the majority of children and their families. But if you choose to send your child to a Charter school, you do have that right, but I want the right as a tax paying Missourian to send my child to a **FULLY FUNDED PUBLIC SCHOOL!!!** Stop trying to only educate the elite or those "chosen" few. Our children should not be used as a tax loophole for the wealthy.



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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 7 Chairman 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 "Whiteness 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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Again please research the negative impact on educational outcomes for children where charter schools have been allowed to grow instead of funding, teacher pay, and strong support of public schools results. Thank you.



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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 63126 and all five voting members of my household are opposed to HB1941.



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



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I am writing to oppose HB 1941. 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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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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Charter schools are for the most part inferior to public schools. They add administrative and oversight expenses. They do not have to accept any child in the district but may pick and chose which is discrimination.



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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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WITNESS NAME: KAREN CLOYD		PHONE NUMBER:
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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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As a parent with children in Columbia Public Schools and a longtime, active PTA volunteer who works hard to improve public education, I strongly oppose this legislation. Undermining our city's public schools by opening the door to profit-minded outside groups is disloyal at a minimum, and fiscally irresponsible. Those who wish to influence or have an impact on education in our city should run for school board, or volunteer in one of our excellent schools or education nonprofits instead. It is striking that Columbia is singled out in this bill, as we are the home to the flagship institution of PUBLIC higher education in Missouri. As a PTA volunteer, I believe we have a great responsibility to the children in our public schools. Lawmakers and anyone with connections to this proud public institution should be working hard to advocate for those children and avoid undermining public education.



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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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WITNESS NAME: LESLIE JONES		PHONE NUMBER:	
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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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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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Missouri needs to fully fund its public schools, and hold charter schools to the same requirements and accountability measures.



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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 funds. Any one choosing not to use the public school system can pay for it out of their own funds.



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WITNESS NAME: MICHAEL W SHRYOCK		PHONE NUMBER:
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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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WITNESS NAME: MOEEP-A (DAVA-LEIGH BRUSH)		PHONE NUMBER: 314-600-6018	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: MISSOURI EQUITY EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP ACTION		TITLE: PAL TEAM LEADER	
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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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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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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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Our public school teachers are among the lowest paid in the country. This bill does nothing but further weaken already existing schools.



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Any legislation that encourages and/or supports the establishment or expansion 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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As a Columbia resident, parent of two children in Columbia Public Schools and wife to a CPS teacher, I do not support charter schools or vouchers in our district. I am strongly in favor of public education.



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I am in opposition to this bill because charter schools are not equitable. Equity is just and fair inclusion, which allows all students the opportunity to grow and succeed. We are well aware that every student has very individualized needs. For every student to have an equitable education, those individualized needs have to be assessed and students have to be provided with the resources that allow them the best opportunity to succeed. The traditional practices of charter schools are that they are selective because they don't have the resources to help children with their individualized needs. If a school cannot accept a variety of different learners then they are excluding entire groups of students. If a child requires an IEP and the charter school cannot provide the services listed in the IEP document, then they are excluding a child based on their disability.



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WITNESS NAME: SARAH GEERLING		PHONE NUMBER:
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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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WITNESS NAME: STEPHANIE GURLEY THOMAS		PHONE NUMBER:
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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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WITNESS NAME: SUSAN ELIZABETH VONDER HAAR		PHONE NUMBER:
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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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The Columbia Public Schools Board of Education opposes redirecting resources to unproven charter schools. We believe authority to sponsor a charter must rest with a locally elected school board. Of particular concern is the strain on public tax dollars of supporting duplicate school systems. Additional buildings, teachers, support staff, etc would need to be funded, increasing the expenditure per pupil.



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



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