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Subject: Support Cyber Charter Funding Reform

Dear Senator / Representative [Last Name],

As a taxpayer in the Kutztown Area School District, I am writing to urge you to support critical reforms to cyber charter school funding as part of the 2025-2026 Pennsylvania state budget. Specifically, I ask that you advocate for the establishment of a **statewide base tuition rate** for cyber charter schools of **no more than \$10,000 per non-special education student**, and for the adoption of a **tiered special education funding formula** based on actual student needs.

Pennsylvania taxpayers are currently overpaying hundreds of millions of dollars each year for cyber charter school tuition, far exceeding the true cost of providing online education. Local school districts and, therefore, local taxpayers are forced to pay cyber charter tuition rates that often have no connection to the actual services provided. As a result, property taxes rise, school programs suffer, and our dollars are diverted away from our community's public schools.

A statewide cyber tuition cap, combined with a needs-based formula for special education students, would:

- **Save Pennsylvania taxpayers more than \$300 million** annually without reducing educational options for families.
- **Protect local homeowners and families from property tax increases** driven by unchecked cyber charter costs.
- **Ensure public dollars are spent responsibly**, funding direct student services rather than excessive administrative overhead and marketing by cyber schools.
- **Support public school districts' ability to reinvest in classrooms**, academic programs, safety, infrastructure, and student services without needing additional tax increases.

This is about fairness, fiscal responsibility, and protecting the investments taxpayers make in Pennsylvania's public education system.

The current system asks too much of local taxpayers. Setting a fair, reasonable statewide cyber tuition rate and using a tiered special education formula would help restore balance saving millions and ensuring that every dollar spent advances student learning, not profit margins.

I respectfully urge you to support these reforms and work to ensure they are included in the final state budget. Pennsylvania taxpayers deserve better stewardship of our education dollars.

Thank you for your attention to this critical issue. I look forward to seeing your leadership in protecting taxpayers and ensuring a more responsible, equitable education funding system for our Commonwealth.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]