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The Honorable John Boehner
Speaker of the House
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Jason Chaffetz
Chairman
Committee on Oversight and Government Reform
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable John Kline
Chairman
Committee on Education and the Workforce
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Todd Rokita
Chairman
Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary and Secondary Education
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Boehner, Chairman Chaffetz, Chairman Kline and Chairman Rokita:

On behalf of the DC Public Charter School Board (DC PCSB), I am writing to thank you for your leadership for H.R. 10, the reauthorization of the SOAR Act, and to express support for the proposal.

We have more than 85,000 students attending District of Columbia Public Schools and DC public charter schools. These numbers have been climbing steadily after enduring four decades of decline. The improving quality of the educational options we offer families in the District is a primary reason for this growth.

The SOAR Act has provided valuable resources for these children, resources that have supported these improvements.

DC PCSB ensures that students and families have access to a quality public charter school education by setting tough academic standards, using a comprehensive charter application review process and effective oversight, as well as by providing meaningful support and actively involving parents, school leaders, the community and policy makers. We currently

conduct oversight and hold accountable 115 public charter schools, operated by 62 nonprofits that are located in 94 separate facilities across Washington, DC.

Thank you for your support for D.C. students and families. Please let me know if I can be of any assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'SP', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Scott Pearson