



October 16, 2015

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 Center City Public Charter Schools, 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 over 85,000 students attending District of Columbia Public Schools and D.C. 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 which have supported these improvements.

Center City Public Charter Schools is a network of PreK-8<sup>th</sup> grade neighborhood-based schools that provide a high quality, well-rounded education that prepares students for success in competitive high schools. Our schools are located in the Brightwood, Shaw, Petworth, Trinidad, Capitol Hill and Congress Heights neighborhoods of Washington, D.C. During the 2013-2014 school year, Center City was recognized by the DC Public Charter School Board as the fastest improving network of schools in the city. Our goal is to become one of the highest performing networks of public charter schools in the District of Columbia.



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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Russ Williams', is placed below the word 'Sincerely,'.

Russ Williams  
President & CEO