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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 Charter Board Partners, 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.

Charter Board Partners provides governance support and board recruiting services for charter school boards. Our work has resulted in the transformation of dozens of charter school boards, leading to stronger schools and better educational opportunities for students. We have relied on

the SOAR grants to support our work and allow us to make our board recruiting services and governance support programs available to as many charter schools as possible.

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

Sincerely,

Carrie C. Irvin  
President and Co-Founder  
Charter Board Partners