



WASHINGTON LATIN
PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL

A Classical Education for the Modern World

October 20, 2015

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

The Honorable Jason Chaffetz
Chairman
Committee of 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 Washington Latin Public Charter School, I write to thank you for your leadership for H.R. 10, the reauthorization of the SOAR Act, and to express our strong support for the proposal.

More than 85,000 students attend District of Columbia Public Schools and D.C. charter schools. Enrollment is 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 provides valuable resources for these children, resources that have supported these improvements.

Washington Latin Public Charter School educates 685 fifth through twelfth graders. A CityBuild grant was extremely helpful to us in renovating the building we now occupy as our permanent campus after being in 6 locations during our first 7 years. We have also received SOAR funding to support our academic program.

The SOAR program has provided students that receive Opportunity Scholarships with the chance to attend quality religious and independent schools that their families could never, otherwise, afford.

It has been instrumental in fueling the growth and quality of DC public charter schools that enroll nearly 50% of DC public education students. I encourage you to do everything you can to continue the strong support of school choice in the District of Columbia through the SOAR program.

Thank you for your support for DC students and families.

Sincerely,



Martha C. Cutts
Head of School

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