March 31, 2015

**Re: HB157 / SB84**

Dear Representative Keller,

Many thanks for your continued support of education in Alaska and choice for students across our great state. As a public charter school student parent, I appreciate all that you and your fellow legislators have done to strengthen our schools.

As I review HB157 / SB84, as introduced on March 20, 2015, it appears as though this is just one more bill that would only strengthen the integrity of the state’s language immersion charter schools. As written, it appears as though this bill does not impact HB278, it does not impact funding for our state’s charter schools, and this bill does not alter the language of HB278. We would not be supportive otherwise.

We appreciate public school choice in Alaska. As parents, we have opportunities to send our children to schools which better fit their needs. We are thankful to have legislators who are willing to fight for these special learning environments. We look forward to continue working together with you to further strengthen Alaska’s charter schools.

Thank you for your time and efforts,

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