December 13, 2017

The Honorable Senator Allen

Senate Education Committee

State Capitol, Room 2083

Sacramento, CA 95814

*VIA FAX (916) 445-7799*

RE: OPPOSE Senate Bill 808 (Mendoza)

Dear Chair Allen,

I am writing to urge you to oppose SB 808 (Mendoza), a fundamental attack on charter public schools and the students they serve by eliminating the right to due process.

If passed, SB 808 jeopardizes the future of every charter school and charter school student across the state by:

* Removing the right of charter schools to appeal a denial of a new charter petition or renewal petition to the County and the State Board of Education,
* Requiring 166 high quality charter schools that are currently authorized by the County or State Board of Education to be re-authorized (at the time of renewal) by the local school district that had illegally denied them in the first place, a death sentence for these schools. This would impact over 63,000 students.

SB 808 could directly result in my charter school being arbitrarily closed with no ability for my school to seek recourse.

Please oppose SB 808.

Sincerely,

Name

Title

School

cc: Members, Senate Education Committee