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The Honorable John Kline
House Education and Workforce Committee
2181 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable George Miller
House Education and Workforce Committee
2101 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Kline and Ranking Member Miller:

On behalf of the National Council of La Raza, the nation's largest Hispanic Advocacy organization, I applaud your bipartisan introduction of The Success and Opportunity through Quality Charter Schools Act (H.R. 10). This bill is an overdue step toward strengthening and modernizing the federal charter schools program and will have a positive impact on a vast number of Latino school children and their families across the country.

As a result of your thoughtful leadership, H.R. 10 will raise student achievement, increase access to enrollment, and promote replicable models of successful schools nationwide. NCLR believes this bill is an important step in an ongoing process to rethink innovation in education and strive to advance outcomes across socio-economic indicators. For the Latino community, legislation such as this is particularly important to provide the best possible education to children all too often left behind.

When too many low-income, minority, and Limited English Proficiency students fall behind their peers, charter schools have a proven record of serving these students and encouraging their long-term success. H.R. 10 would further solidify this trend and deserves the support of the Committee and members of the House of Representatives.

As consideration of this bill moves forward, I hope to work with your staff to continue to perfect the bill and am always available for any additional questions.

Sincerely,



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