April 11, 2017

The Honorable Rob Bonta
California State Assembly
The State Capitol 2148
Sacramento, CA 95814

SUBJECT: AB 1360 (Bonta)
POSITION: CO-SPONSOR

Dear Assemblymember Bonta:

We are pleased to co-sponsor AB 1360 (Bonta), which helps ensure that charter schools – as part of our system of public education – provide fair access to all students regardless of personal background.

Fair Admission: AB 1360 clarifies that a charter school may have admissions policies only if any preferences are approved at a public hearing and do not result in limiting access to groups such as low-income students, disabled students, or English learners.

Far Discipline: AB 1360 clarifies that charter school suspension and expulsion procedures must comply with federal and state constitutional due process requirements, including fair notice and an opportunity to be heard.

For these reasons, look forward to working with you to ensure student access at charter schools by passing AB 1360 (Bonta) through the Legislature and securing the signature of Governor Jerry Brown.

Sincerely,

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California Teachers Association

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California Federation of Teachers

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