



The Honorable Patrick O'Donnell
Chair, Assembly Committee on Education
1020 N Street, Room 159
Sacramento, CA 95814

April 3, 2019

RE: **AB 1507 as amended March 26, 2019**
Position: **Oppose**

Dear Assemblymember O'Donnell:

On behalf of the Charter Schools Development Center (CSDC) and our hundreds of charter school members, I write in opposition to AB 1507 (Smith).

As you know, this measure rescinds the exemption that allows a charter school that can't find a facility in the district where it was originally authorized, to locate in a building in another district in the same county. It also limits the number and location of resource centers that a charter school may establish. At a time when some school districts have been reticent to provide adequate tax-payer funded facilities or to co-locate charter schools where there are vacant classrooms, it seems unnecessarily punitive to not allow charter schools to seek alternative solutions in nearby districts.

In 2016 when California voters passed Proposition 51, the voters were clear that they wanted charter school students in taxpayer funded public school classrooms. This bill makes that much more difficult by limiting opportunities and restricting options.

For these and other reasons, we oppose this measure.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Caitlin O'Halloran".

Caitlin O'Halloran
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c.c. Assemblymembers Smith, committee and caucus consultants