



Texas Legislature's
TEA Party Caucus
Advisory Committee



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Coalition Letter in Support of SB 2

Bill would expand charter-school cap, bring opportunity to Texas children

Dear Distinguished Members,

In the final days of the regular session of the 83rd Texas Legislature, Senate Bill 2 represents one of the last opportunities to enact meaningful education reform. It is imperative that the Legislature pass this bill and raise the cap on Texas' open-enrollment charter schools.

Today, more than 315,000 Texas public school children are assigned to failing schools, and few options are available to parents who do not have the ability or financial resources to home school or pay private school tuition. With so few options available to parents seeking alternatives to their local public school, expanding and strengthening our public charter school system is vital. And with more than 101,000 students waiting to attend open-enrollment public charter schools in Texas, SB 2 is a long-overdue response to the clear preference of Texas families.

Forcing thousands of students to remain in schools that are not meeting their specific educational needs is bad for Texas children — and bad for the future of Texas. SB 2 is part of the solution.

The signatories here urge you to support the passage of SB 2. This legislation will give thousands of Texas students the chance they deserve at a quality education — and with that a chance at a brighter future. We owe the children and families of the Lone Star State nothing less.

Sincerely,

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Concerned Women for America of Texas
Conservative Republicans of Texas
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Republican Party of Texas
Texas Legislature's TEA Party Caucus Advisory
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