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TO: Senator Gary Hart, Chairman, and Members of the Senate Education
Committee

RE: **SB 1264 (Hart) - OPPOSE**

The California School Employees Association strongly opposes SB 1265 (Hart), to repeal the limitation of 100 charter schools statewide and 10 in a school district, allowing for unlimited charter schools and providing an appeals procedure for revocation or non-renewal of a charter. This measure is scheduled to be heard in your committee on April 13, 1994.

Aside from the fact there is no current need to remove the limit, we also believe that it is premature to do so. This is because, with very limited experience, we do not know if charter schools are any better or worse than other public schools in terms of student performance and achievement. Nor do we know, to the extent that any differences may be identified, whether those differences are dependent on charter status, or whether they can be replicated in other public schools under current law.

Therefore, the California School Employees Association respectfully urges your "NO" vote on SB 1264.

Sincerely,



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