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TO: Members of the California State Senate

RE: SB 1264 (Hart) - OPPOSE

The California School Employees Association must regrettably oppose SB 1264 (Hart), to increase the number of charter schools that may be established. We are not opposed to charter schools per se, but rather to the current statutory process for the establishment of charter schools, which makes no provisions for classified employee input in the charter planning and development process.

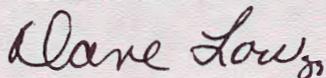
As a result, classified employees in many charter schools have lost their right to collective bargaining and have lost other rights and benefits that classified employees in other schools in the same district continue to enjoy. In some cases, classified employees have lost benefits that teachers in the same charter school retain. For example, in one charter school, teachers continue to accrue years of service for retirement credit, while classified employees do not.

Elimination of the classified employee rights does not in any way promote reform or enhance the educational program of the charter schools. Alternatively, in those cases where classified employees have retained their right to collective bargaining, classified employee participation in the charter development process has served to facilitate the reform effort.

The California School Employees Association supported the Delaine Eastin charter school bill, which provided that classified employees in charter schools shall continue to be considered district employees for purposes of collective bargaining. Until this basic protection is provided, we must oppose any further expansion of charter schools.

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

Sincerely,



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