

RES 20-1263 3/9/2021 1:54 PM Nicole Crashell Against

As a school employee enthusiastic about education, I am writing to ask you to not to adopt a blanket policy against issuing conduit revenue bonds to charter schools. Charter schools are an important and valuable option for families. We need to keep students at the center, and while St. Paul Public Schools work for most students, some are better served by charter schools with programming more tailored to their needs. Our city is home to some excellent charter schools designed specifically to meet the needs of student populations that have been traditionally underserved. A blanket policy blocking the issuance of conduit revenue bonds would stand in the way of progress for schools that are effectively serving our city's youth. Nonprofits, including charter schools, are a huge benefit to our city, ensuring a strong system of services and supports, and should continue to qualify for the conduit revenue bonds.