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The Honorable Arne Duncan
Secretary
United States Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20202

Dear Secretary Duncan:

Last week, the Ohio Department of Education was awarded a \$71 million grant for its charter school system. I have already expressed in a previous letter (please see attached) my concern regarding this allocation and urged your Department to place stringent restrictions on the disbursement. As Ohio moves forward in how to implement this award, I would like to request a copy of the original grant application to gain a better understanding of the focus and goals for the money.

As a member on the House Appropriations Committee, one of my key duties is to promote accountability in the budget and be a careful steward of my constituents' tax dollars. However, Ohio's charter schools are currently going through a period of uncertainty and need proper oversight and transparency to ensure success for Ohio's children. The grant application will allow me to recognize and understand how the Ohio Department of Education plans to use this money and how it will impact the schools in my district.

Thank you in advance for the time and attention you will give this matter.

Sincerely,



Tim Ryan
Member of Congress

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