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Dear Sirs & Madams,

I write to you today to share my support of the Albert Einstein Academy for Letters, Arts & Sciences in their appeal of the Saugus Union School District's denial of their recently submitted K-6<sup>th</sup> charter school petition.

The Albert Einstein Academy currently operates a successful 7<sup>th</sup> through 11<sup>th</sup> grade school through the William S. Hart School District. The school has overcome tremendous obstacles with construction of a new facility and adding a new grade level and special education students. Despite this, the school has enjoyed a year over year increase to its API score and has followed through on plans to sell bonds to pay off its construction debt and to purchase its Valencia facility.

While I respect the local districts' autonomy on making policies that it feels are in the best interest of their students, California law clearly provides that charter schools, barring evidence of the inability to educate K-6<sup>th</sup> students should be approved to operate.

It is thus my sincere hope that your esteemed board will recognize the need for school choice in the Santa Clarita Valley taking note of the Albert Einstein Academy's stellar record and approve the charter petition.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Howard P. 'Buck' McKeon". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial 'H'.

HOWARD P. "BUCK" McKEON  
Member of Congress