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Guidance for Calling or Meeting State Legislators

Overall Message: **Support More Charter Schools;**
Oppose Anti-Charter School Provisions in Assembly # 4307-B

Please address the following issues when calling or meeting your Assembly-Member and Senator:

- State clearly your strong opposition to anti-charter school provisions contained in Assembly Bill **4307-B** which would hurt your child's public charter school in at least two major ways:
 - a) This bill would cut your child's public charter school's funding, even though state funding for public schools is growing by record amounts; that this unequal treatment of charter school funding is unfair and wrong, and should be corrected rather than made worse by this bill!
 - b) This bill also would make it much more difficult for your child's school to operate successfully and improve your child's education by imposing higher costs for buildings and other mandates that also threaten your charter school.
- *Express frustration why any state legislator, especially your own, would ever support anything in this bill that hurts your child's school. Demand they help your school, not hurt it!*
- Request they oppose the charter provisions of this bill, as you complete the state budget for April 1st; that your children's future is too important to allow the legislature to hurt their charter school.

Finally, demand that your legislators instead support Governor Spitzer's proposal to raise the cap on charter public schools, and provide more funding for all charter public schools.

Thank you.