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Dear CSAC Committee,

My name is Kenyatta Austin, and I am writing to express my support for the charter renewal of Gateway Lab Charter School. Gateway Lab Charter school's mission is to help students identify their strengths and interest and provide them with an extraordinary educational experience. Gateway was founded with the intent to provide students who struggle academically within a traditional school environment, with the opportunity to have an arts-based learning experience. Within this experience, students are provided with tools to help them build self confidence, advocate for themselves, and simply try their best.

I have had the honor of being a witness to the wonderful things Gateway Lab school has done, and continues to do. Students, parents, and community members always speak so highly of the school and the impact Gateway has had on their students. I support the charter renewal because I have witnessed how students come back and share how wonderful their experiences were at Gateway, as well as how much they have grown. There are numerous students who came to Gateway and would have a hard time walking into the school because of past experiences at others school. By the end of the school year that same student is more confident, self advocating, and poised. Gateway Lab Charter School is not just a school, it is a community filled with wonderful educators, administrators, and most importantly ready to learn scholars.

Gateway Lab Charter School is an important piece of the Wilmington community, and deserves the opportunity to continue to build their legacy. I would love to know that we have your support to continue to make such an impact within the community. Thank you for your time, and consideration.

Best Regards,

Kenyatta Austin