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First Note Finance *inc* is presently providing Energy Manager services to charter schools in the San Diego area, and has prepared eleven (11) Energy Expenditure Plans this far. We have visited several dozen LEAs in our marketing efforts, and what we have witnessed in many cases are very challenging social settings and circumstances. The charter school community is doing an outstanding job of educating students that could otherwise fall through the cracks in a more traditional school setting, and we would characterize the efforts of the teachers and administrators in many of these situations as conscientious, dedicated, and in some cases, heroic.

The building infrastructure in many of the leased facilities that we have visited is challenged by many years of deferred maintenance. It would be difficult to impossible to do much good for many of these schools if limited to a five-year payback period, or less. In order to provide these leased facilities working, energy-efficient heating, ventilating and air conditioning systems, payback periods are in the 8-15 year range. We are talking about basic needs here, and we believe that Proposition 39 funding can play a very important role in meeting these basic needs with energy-efficient solutions.

Therefore we applaud the California Energy Commission's consideration of permitting charter schools in leased facilities a more level playing field in regard to securing Proposition 39 funding. All of the charter schools are playing a critically important role in their communities, and they should be able to access Proposition 39 funding under a more equitable set of rules. It is simply the right thing to do.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

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