

**Why I voted Yes on H.R. 2218**

I voted Yes on H.R. 2218, the Empowering Parents through Quality Charter Schools Act. The bill modernizes and streamlines existing law as charter schools become increasingly popular across the country. Charter schools enable parents who cannot afford private schools have the ability to choose the best education for their children. This bill will promote high-quality charter models, develop a nationwide best-practices system, and reduce administrative costs and burdens. While charter schools are not the answer for all the problems we face in education, I am very supportive of the bill's provisions, especially those to expand access for students with disabilities and English language learner students.