

Sample Letter

Your Name
Your Address
Date

The Honorable _____ (full name of legislator)
Rhode Island (House of Representatives) OR (Senate)

Dear Representative OR (Senator) _____ – use last name

I have a child that attends Kingston Hill Academy, a public charter school of choice, in South Kingstown. Governor Carcieri came out in support of charter schools and stated that he will fully fund all existing charter schools. I am writing to encourage you to support the Governor's decision as you finalize the budget he has proposed.

My child has benefited from being at Kingston Hill Academy . . .

(List Here Some Personal Feelings/Experiences)

Example: The teacher to student ratio at KHA is small and the school groups students so that each child is able to learn at her/his own individual developmental level. Because of this, my child is given the individual attention needed, and is doing much better and is more challenged than she/he would in a traditional public school where she/he would get lost in a class of 25 students.

Example #2: At KHA students have individual learning plans that allow them to pursue individual interests. Furthermore, the school focuses on early academics and inclusion of children of special needs in the general education curriculum. By doing this, not only does my child receive a superior academic education, but they also learn about individual differences between students.

Charter schools in Rhode Island are making a difference! I hope that I can count on your help in continuing to support charter schools throughout the state of Rhode Island.

Please respond to let me know where you stand in your support to charter schools!

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

(your name)

Remember!!! Writing a letter in your own words and on your own stationary is often the most effective way to get your point across! Keep it brief (1 page).

This template will be available on the KHA web site in about 1 week.
Just go to www.kingstonhill.org

To get instant access to phone numbers and addresses as well as links to e-mails of legislators just go to <http://www.rilin.state.ri.us/>

You can also use the e-advocacy set up by the Rhode Island League of Charter Schools that allows you to **e-mail all legislators at one time**. Just go to www.richarterschools.com and click on "Charter School Advocacy".