



## Ohio Alliance for Public Charter Schools

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Letter to the editor  
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I was shocked by State Representative Clayton Luckie's statement (Luckie wants moratorium on new charter schools) that "anybody can open a charter school" and would like to set the record straight.

Although Rep. Luckie is called upon to vote on and recollect many bills that cover a wide range of issues, it's cause for concern that he doesn't recall the provisions of the omnibus H.B. 119 – which he voted in favor of just last year – which clearly limits those who can open new charter schools to operators with a proven record of success. Unless Rep. Luckie has been responsible for running a school with a rating of (or comparable to) "continuous improvement," his statement that "I can open a school in my backyard" is simply untrue.

I'm also concerned that readers will be confused by his remarks about charter schools taking money away from other schools. Charter schools educate students at about 2/3 the cost of traditional district schools, and while it is certainly true that state funding is provided to charter schools on a per pupil basis, districts schools receive additional education revenue from local property taxes which increases their per pupil funding significantly.

Last, I would encourage Rep. Luckie to take action to address his expressed concern about the "unsafe" area for the new charter school on Klepinger Road. All Ohio students deserve safe environments conducive to learning, yet charter schools receive no facilities funding from the state. If Rep. Luckie is truly concerned about student safety, he should take steps to correct this inequity by introducing legislation to provide facilities funding for Ohio's charter schools.

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