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August 28, 2024

Arkansas Charter Authorizing Panel  
Attn: Ms. Dorie Summons, Director of Charter Schools  
Arkansas Department of Education  
Division of Elementary and Secondary Education  
Public School Accountability  
Four Capitol Mall, Box 19  
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Ms. Summons:

I am writing to support the establishment of Real World Preparatory, an innovative charter school set to open in August 2025 in Northwest Arkansas. Real World Preparatory's mission to cater to students who have struggled within traditional academic settings is inspiring and vital for our community.

In today's rapidly evolving educational landscape, it is crucial to have schools that provide alternative approaches to learning. Real World Preparatory's commitment to personalized instruction and real-world skill development addresses a significant need. The school's focus on creating an engaging and supportive environment will empower students who may not have thrived in conventional classrooms, offering them a fresh start and a path to success.

The emphasis on hands-on learning, career readiness, and practical skills is precisely what is needed to prepare students for the complexities of the modern world. By equipping students with these essential tools, Real World Preparatory will enhance their academic achievements and better prepare them for meaningful careers and life beyond school.

I have enjoyed the pleasure of working closely with both founding directors in an educational setting and am thoroughly impressed with their commitment and expertise. Given their track record and visionary approach, I am confident that Real World Preparatory will emerge as a cornerstone of

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educational excellence in our region. This institution promises to foster significant academic and personal growth among its students. I wholeheartedly support the approval of this proposal and eagerly anticipate the positive impact it will bring to our community.

Thank you for considering this important initiative. If I may offer any additional information, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jay Richardson", with a large, stylized flourish above the name.

Jay Richardson  
State Representative  
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