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To Whom It May Concern,

I am respectfully requesting that you allow Escondido Charter High School & Heritage K-8 Charter School to participate in the Prop 39 funding. We understand the specific issue is that Prop 39 Guidelines restrict leased facilities to stricter payback calculations on proposed energy efficiency measures. However the points below show why Escondido Charter High School & Heritage K-8 Charter Schools have a unique situation that should be taken into consideration with the payback calculations & leased facilities.

To the best of our knowledge we believe the following statements to be accurate:

- Escondido Charter has been chartered for 18 years (as of June 2014).

- American Heritage Education Foundation's Bond term is valid through June 1, 2036 – which coincides with the lease term on the ECHS facility. Same lease terms at 1855/65 and 1845/75, which is leased by the Heritage K-8 Charter School

- The charter schools have overlapping Boards of Directors and the lease agreements reflect American Heritage Education Foundation as owner/landlord and the two schools as tenants

- Approximately 1700 students are enrolled in both Escondido Charter HS, & Heritage K-8, with a waiting list of almost 1000. This demonstrates a tangible community need the two schools are meeting in its current role. Escondido Charter High School & the Heritage K-8 Charter School plans to continue to meet this demonstrated demand from the community in an ongoing capacity.

- Both schools have played an integral role in the City Of Escondido and surrounding communities, with plans to maintain a continual and ongoing presence in the community under its current operating principles.

- Both schools plan to continue operating under the same charters in the same facilities for the foreseeable future.

Given the above points, Escondido Charter High School & Heritage K-8 Charter School should be able to participate in Prop 39 as an owned facility.

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