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Dear Senator Shealy,

As representatives of the Orthodox Union, the nation's largest Orthodox Jewish umbrella organization, we are writing to congratulate you on your recent election to office and to express our deep gratitude for your concerted efforts to pass a bill supporting school choice that would give income-tax deductions to parents who send their children to nonpublic schools.

The OU advocates an array of initiatives to empower parents in educational choices for their children, expand education reform and secure greater resources for Jewish day schools and the families that use them.

On a state-by-state level the OU is deeply involved in advocating for school choice programs such as the passing of tax-credit programs, technology funding, services for special needs students, and reimbursements for services mandated by the government.

Therefore, we applaud your efforts to promote school choice initiatives in South Carolina. We look forward to working with you to create quality parental school choices for families.

With Warmest Regards,



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