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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing today to share my own experiences teaching at schools managed by A3 Education and on behalf of the students and families who attend these schools. I started working for A3 Education in September 2017. Since then I have had the pleasure of working with California students virtually, meeting with them in live sessions, talking to them on the phone and also via text and email to ensure that they were completing their work and getting a well-rounded education. While online education is quite different from what many picture learning to be like, educators like me and the families that we serve provide a choice for those students who experience bullying or have struggled to find success in their local school.

Having been involved in online education for the past nine years, I was appalled and deeply saddened when I read the indictment against several previously employed executives at the company I have called home for the past two years. I do, however, want to reiterate that there are many students that we teach that are legitimate students seeking a legitimate education. I am thankful that the organization took swift action to remove all of the indicted and are re-dedicating themselves under new leadership to full transparency and compliance with the law.

I am looking forward to closing out the 2018-2019 school year with students still actively involved in courses in our charter schools and very much so hope to continue serving our families for the upcoming 2019-2020 school year and beyond. I know I speak for many when I say the actions of a few bad actors is not representative of the majority of the people I have had the pleasure of knowing within this organization.

Thank you for your time and I hope that this has helped shine a little light about what we do, who we serve, and what we hope to continue to do into the future.

Sincerely,

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