

Network for Public Education (NPE) Testifies on Charter Schools Before The House Committee on Education and the Workforce

On March 6, 2024, NPE founding board member and **scholar Julian Vasquez Heilig** gave testimony to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce. Julian carefully explained the flaws and fallacies associated with the contemporary charter school movement. You can watch Julian's testimony below.

[NPE Testifies on Charter Schools: The House Committee on Education and the Workforce on Vimeo](#)

In addition, NPE Executive Director Carol Burris prepared written testimony from the organization that summarized the history of the charter school movement from its bright beginnings to a troubled, privately managed system in need of comprehensive accountability reform. Congressman Bobby Scott and Congresswoman Susan Bonamici submitted NPE's written testimony into the record.

Read that submitted testimony by clicking [here](#).

The hearing revealed deep divisions among the committee members of the two major political parties. Republican members of the committee gave uncritical support for charter schools and continually referred to public schools as "abysmal" and "failing," while Democrats expressed concerns regarding the lack of transparency and accountability in charter schools.

By providing testimony, both in person and written, the Network for Public Education debunks the messaging of the charter lobby, which is continually working the Hill. We are grateful for the opportunity to educate members on both sides of the aisle.