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Maine Charter School Commission
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Dear Commission Members:

We write today to ask that you reject the proposed **Lewiston-Auburn Academy Charter School**. Our opposition is based upon noted deficiencies in the proposed school's application. If there is to be a charter school in the Lewiston-Auburn area, please let it be one that is well supported by the community and is based upon a solid, truthful application.

The application does not include any documented support from individuals other than those already tied to the proposal, and there was no testimony at the hearing from any families who are seeking this alternative for their children. The survey, which makes up 300 pages of the application, was poorly designed and was administered in a way that destroys any credibility to the process.

In addition, the applicant identifies supporters who are not supporters and seems to be oblivious to Maine educational requirements. The unsubstantiated, if not false, representations in this application are an affront to what we expect of students. Please apply the same standards of behavior that we expect in our schools and give this application an unacceptable rating.

Thank you for your consideration of our input.

Sincerely,

Robert E. Macdonald, Mayor

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