

Dear Chancellor Petro:

I am a *[parent, student, professor]*, and I am writing to express my concerns about the charter university proposal that you will be unveiling in August.

I am very worried about charter universities, regardless of what name they are called. In other states, charter universities have in every case resulted in big tuition increases. My family and my neighbors can't afford that.

Public colleges and universities are supposed to serve as an affordable option for Ohioans to earn a college degree. In these tough times, state government has to find a way to increase revenues and keep this option open -- at ALL of our public colleges and universities. It's penny wise and pound foolish to abandon that promise to today's students and parents.

In addition, I am concerned that this may become just another way for university administrations to get rid of campus unions. Campus unions are often the only voice protesting out-of-control upper administration spending. Campus unions aren't the problem; bloated administration costs and the failure of the State Legislature to raise revenues and properly fund public universities are the problem.

All of our public universities should be accountable to the public and affordable for Ohio students who have worked hard and have the grades to attend. Please don't undermine that promise to Ohio residents now.

Sincerely,
[Your Name]