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Dear Alabama Public Charter School Commissioners,

This correspondence is to confirm the Mobile Area Education Foundation's intent to apply to open a start-up charter school serving Mobile County and surrounding areas. This charter school will be called the Accel (Acceleration) Day and Evening Academy. It will target students who are 16 or older and have fallen behind in high school, dropped out, or otherwise desire a different option to graduate ready for college and careers. It will use personalized and project-based learning to ensure students gain the skills to be successful after high school and will partner with postsecondary institutions to help students earn postsecondary credits and credentials before graduation from high school. The Mobile Area Education Foundation was founded in 1992 to support public education in Mobile County. For 25 years, MAEF has invested \$25 million in public schools and served over 100,000 public school students. Our track record of graduating at-risk youth in collaboration with the Mobile County Public School System through our Evening Education Options Program (EEOP) is well documented. We hope that this charter proposal will provide the opportunity to build upon this work and ensure youth in our area who need a non-traditional pathway can receive this opportunity.

Respectfully Submitted,

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