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Dear Ms. Pattison,

I am applying to become a community member for the State Board of Education Charter School Subcommittee. I am interested in serving as a subcommittee member for two years. I have many years of experience in education and believe I can be an asset. If selected, I will fully commit to attending all meetings and functions.

I hold a doctorate in education degree from Portland State University, for which I wrote a dissertation describing a research and development process for designing new and innovative alternatives to traditional high schools. My background also includes master's and post-master's degrees in public administration and advanced educational leadership from Lewis & Clark College.

Past experience includes serving as Director of Education Options for the Portland Public Schools. I led multiple efforts within my department and in collaboration with other school district departments and governmental agencies. During that time I participated in many state and local policy discussions that led to rules development and revisions in alternative and charter school laws statewide.

Recent experience includes leading external reviews of schools for the Northwest Accreditation Commission, part of Advance Education, studying the delivery of education across the state. I have served as a consultant and board member to charter schools and am familiar with public charter school policy. My ethical behavior and decision making abilities have been unquestioned.

Thank you for taking the time to review my CV and this cover letter. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours,

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