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Windham Academy Charter School
Windham Academy Board of Trustees
1 Industrial Drive
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Dear Mr. Donahue and Esteemed School Board Members:

My name is Erik Peterson, it would be an honor for me to serve on the Windham Academy School Board. At this critical time, there are pressing needs to be addressed while adhering to the principles that the founders wisely codified in the current charter.

My wife (Bushra Zawaydeh) and I have 2 children in the school including 1 from the first kindergarten class, now in third grade, and one in second grade. We have seen this school grow from no buildings or even an address to what it is today. We have seen the stretches and strains of the board and the school administration endured to grow the school from the ground up. I am grateful to the astonishing things the Board has accomplished to make Windham Academy Charter School a premier alternative to the current public school systems.

While I think there is much growth ahead for Windham Academy, I think that in light of recent disheartening events at the school there is a need for improved parent and board relations. It seems many parents are playing catch-up with how the charter is defined how the board operates as a result. Now, the board is faced with many more questions than before from parents and diminished resources to answer them. I see this as an area where I can help resolve current uncertainties. In my opinion the board has done an excellent job thus far and the trustees leaving will be very hard if not impossible to replace. In this critical time, we need new board members that will stay focused on the task of moving the school forward without losing sight of the realities faced by the staff and administration of the school.

Professionally, I've done contract work as a SQA Engineer. Before that I worked for 19 years in different technical roles at a payment processing company that was ultimately absorbed by JP Morgan Chase. Prior to that I was in the US Army and customer service before that. I have learned the importance of balancing day to day business as usual activities with the ever encroaching need to modify, improve and implement new processes.

I consider it a blessing to be able to apply for a position on the school board and would proudly serve the school and its charter.

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