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*Committee Verbal Testimony
Support HB1707*

My name is Stephanie Matthews and I am the Executive Vice President of the Texas Association of Business and I am here to **testify in support of House Bill by 1707 by Chairwoman Stephanie Klick.**

Chair Burns and Members of the Land and Resource Committee, TAB is the State Chamber of Commerce and the state affiliate for the National Association of Manufacturers. TAB represents members across every industry sector and size, and our local chamber partners across the state. TAB's purpose is to "champion the best business climate in the world, unleashing the power of free enterprise to enhance lives for generations".

TAB's commitment to meeting the growing needs of all Texas employers necessarily means we must have high-quality education options for every student.

In this vein, TAB supports HB1707 which would simply bring parity to the way a municipality treats zoning and permitting efforts for public charter schools to the same way they treat zoning and permitting efforts for all traditional public schools. TAB believes this effort will aid in increasing access for the over 66,000 students on the charter school waiting list.

Thank you and I am happy to answer any questions.