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**DATE:** September 17, 2007

# **Action Needed**

## **SB 537 — Need Letters to the Governor Requesting His Signature**

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The California State PTA supports SB 537 because it would provide data needed to assure that chartering agencies have consistent oversight criteria and sufficient resources to provide oversight of charter school performance

Send letters to the Governor at the following address:

The Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger  
Governor, State of California  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Or fax the Governor at 916-445-4633

Here is a sample letter:

September \_\_, 2007

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Governor, State of California  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 537 (Simitian) — Request for Signature

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

\_\_\_\_\_ PTA respectfully requests your favorable action on SB 537 by Senator Simitian. SB 537 would require the California Research Bureau (CRB) to prepare a report on the key elements and actual costs of charter school oversight in consultation with an advisory panel to ensure technical accuracy. The bill would require CRB to submit the report to the Legislature by January 8, 2009,

Along with The California State PTA, \_\_\_\_\_ PTA supports SB 537 because it would provide data needed to assure that chartering agencies have consistent oversight criteria and sufficient resources to provide oversight of charter school performance. Just as charter schools need adequate resources, their chartering agencies need clear standards for required evaluations and adequate resources to fulfill oversight responsibilities.

Again Governor, I strongly urge you to sign SB 537 into law. Thank you for this opportunity to share our concerns with you.

Sincerely,

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President  
\_\_\_\_\_ PTA

cc: Senator Simitian  
California State PTA

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