

**Re: Statement**

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To: Charter Board <CharterBoard@charlescountymd.gov>

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Please use this version as part of the public record. Cheryl Botts name was spelled incorrectly.

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