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## State charter association asks court to review ruling

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The Washington State Charter Schools Association filed a motion Friday asking the state Supreme Court to review its decision that determined that charter schools violate the state constitution. .

“State leaders should not be shutting the doors on public charter schools and turning their backs on the families they serve,” association CEO Thomas Franta said in a news release.

The association’s request claims that the state’s ruling undermines other programs like

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The association also asked that if the funding source for charter schools is found to be unconstitutional, the schools themselves be allowed to remain under a different funding model.

The Washington Supreme Court ruled in September that charter schools are unconstitutional because their boards aren’t comprised of elected officials and that the schools don’t fit the definition of a common school. There are 11 authorized charter schools in Washington, two in Spokane.

Spokane Public Schools became the first school district in Washington to authorize the creation of a charter school. District officials have been supportive of charter schools both locally and at the state level.

The charter school initiative passed in 2012, making Washington the 42nd state to approve charter schools.

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