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Dear Representative,

As the mother of a child attending a bilingual charter public school, I'm writing to urge you to oppose House Bill 7415. This bill would halt new charter public schools, limiting options for families seeking the right fit for their children. This is more than a pause. It is a shutdown of opportunity for families asking for access to high-quality public school options.

We were fortunate to gain access to one of the very few dual language schools currently available in Rhode Island. Since enrolling, my son has thrived. He is reading, writing, and speaking more confidently in both English and Spanish. Beyond the academics, his school has given him a true sense of community, pride in his identity, and respect for all cultures represented in his classroom.

But I know our story is not the norm. Hundreds of children remain on waitlists for dual language programs and charter public schools. Families across our state want this same opportunity for their kids but do not have the access or opportunity. That is why I am expressing my strong opposition for H7415. Families should be able to choose the school that best fits their child's needs.

Thank you,

Danielle Barron