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Dear Members of the House Education Committee,

I am writing to share concerns about how charter school expansion is affecting Providence public schools. With about 25% of Providence students already attending charter schools, it is becoming difficult for neighborhood schools to maintain stable enrollment and budgets.

Funding lost to charters is leading to staff cuts, and the frequent movement of students between charter schools and district schools during the year can be disruptive. Providence has also invested millions in school buildings, and it makes sense to fully use those schools before expanding charters further.

Traditional public schools serve all students, including many with special needs, and continued enrollment loss could lead to more school closures.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
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