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Dear Legislators,

My name is Kate Mendillo, and I am a second grade ESL teacher at Anthony Carnevale Elementary School. I love teaching in PPSD despite its many challenges, and I am deeply disheartened to see the state allow ever-expanding charter networks to take root in Rhode Island. We all know that charter schools cannot be fully scaled up, and they will and do leave many students more marginalized than they are already. We can and should fully fund public schools to benefit ALL students.

Please do the right thing for the kids of Rhode Island and put a moratorium on new charters.

Thank you,

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