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Dear House Committee on Education:

I am writing as a Providence public school teacher to express my strong support for the approval of **House Bill H7415**.

Every day, I work with students who rely on their neighborhood public school for stability, opportunity, and support. Our schools serve all students—regardless of academic level, language background, disability, or family circumstances. Because of this commitment, public schools must maintain a wide range of services including special education support, multilingual learner programs, counseling, transportation, and community partnerships.

In recent years, the expansion of large charter school networks has significantly impacted the funding available to traditional public schools. When students enroll in charter schools, the associated public funding follows them. While families should have choices, the reality is that these funding shifts reduce the resources available to the neighborhood public schools that continue to serve the majority of students, including those with the highest needs.

For districts like Providence, this creates a serious challenge. Public schools cannot simply reduce costs when funding leaves. Buildings must still be maintained, transportation must still run, and specialized services must still be provided. As a result, the diversion of funds to large charter schools places increasing strain on already limited resources, affecting class sizes, staffing, academic programs, and student supports.

House Bill H7415 represents an important step toward ensuring that Rhode Island maintains a strong and sustainable public education system. Public schools are the backbone of our communities. They are accountable to the public, governed locally, and committed to serving every child who walks through the door.

Approving H7415 would help protect the financial stability of our public schools and ensure that districts can continue providing high-quality instruction and essential services to all students.

I urge you to support House Bill H7415 and stand with the educators, families, and communities who depend on strong public schools.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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