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Chair and Members of the House Education Committee
Rhode Island House of Representatives
Rhode Island State House
Providence, RI

Re: Support for H 7415 – Establishment of Charter Public Schools

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee,

My name is Shannon Ewing and I am a public middle school teacher at N.A. Ferri Middle School in Johnston, Rhode Island. I am writing in support of Rhode Island House Bill H 7415.

Every day I work with students who rely on the full range of services our public schools provide—special education supports, counseling, language services, and extracurricular opportunities. When funding is diverted from district schools to continued charter expansion, it makes it harder for traditional public schools to maintain these essential supports.

H 7415 provides Rhode Island with an important opportunity to pause charter expansion and carefully examine its long-term impact on public school funding and student services. As Rhode Islanders, our priority should be ensuring that the schools serving the majority of Rhode Island students are stable, well-funded, and able to meet their needs.

I respectfully urge the committee to support H 7415.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Shannon Ewing
N.A. Ferri Middle School Teacher
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