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Dear Senate Education Committee,

I am writing to urge an immediate end to the state takeover of the Providence School District. This intervention has not delivered the improvements our schools and students urgently need.

Our focus must return to the students themselves. Too many are not meeting grade-level expectations in math and reading, and in some elementary schools, science instruction is minimal or absent. These gaps become especially apparent when students reach middle school.

The current pacing guides across subjects are unrealistic, leaving students further behind rather than helping them catch up. Without a strong foundation in basic skills, meaningful progress in higher-level learning is unlikely.

Additionally, aspects of the current curriculum are ineffective. Meaningful input from experienced educators is essential to identify the right corrective actions and build a stronger, more responsive educational program for our students.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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