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Distinguished Committee Members,

I am writing to express my profound concern regarding the potential implications of proposed legislation S-2783, S-2784, and S-2787. I respectfully urge you to carefully consider the far-reaching consequences these bills would have on our state's educational system and to ultimately oppose their passage.

These legislative proposals, if enacted, represent a substantial impediment to the continued growth and innovation within Rhode Island's charter school sector. By imposing restrictions, they would directly curtail the diverse and valuable educational choices currently available to families throughout our communities. Our public education system thrives on a dynamic environment that fosters innovation and adaptability, rather than being constrained by limitations that stifle progress.

It is imperative that we empower families with access to a broad spectrum of high-quality educational options that best meet their children's unique needs. The denial of such access, which these bills threaten, would run counter to the clear preferences of Rhode Island citizens. Recent comprehensive polling data strongly supports this assertion: a remarkable 88% of respondents advocate for educational choice, and 67% specifically endorse the expansion of charter schools. Furthermore, the concept of a moratorium on charter school development faces widespread opposition, with 58% of the public against it. These figures underscore a clear public mandate for continued educational opportunity and parental empowerment.

Therefore, I respectfully implore you to reject S-2783, S-2784, and S-2787. By doing so, you will not only protect the essential autonomy and capacity of charter schools to innovate but also ensure they can continue to serve as vital institutions delivering high-quality education and contributing positively to the overall well-being of our community.

Sincerely,

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