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Dear Members of the Senate Education Committee,

My name is Andrea Beth Mancini. I am a resident of North Providence and a third grade teacher at Frank D. Spaziano Elementary School in Providence. I am a lifelong resident of Rhode Island and an educator for the past three decades.

I support S2787 because Rhode Island cannot continue expanding a fragmented parallel school system while neighborhood public schools like mine face staffing shortages, rising student needs, and growing fiscal pressure.

Public schools serve every student who walks through the door, including students with the highest academic, behavioral, and special education needs. Continued charter expansion places disproportionate financial strain on urban districts like Providence already serving high-need student populations.

This legislation establishes a responsible, temporary pause that allows Rhode Island to evaluate long-term fiscal impacts, educational outcomes, and equity concerns before authorizing further expansion, which is why I am writing for your support.

Thank you for your time and consideration as well as your continued advocacy on behalf of our students and families.

In solidarity,

Andrea Beth Mancini