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To the Senate Education Committee:

My name is Ann Pinault, and I am a teacher at Goff Middle School in Pawtucket.

I am writing in support of S2787 because Rhode Island cannot continue to expand charter schools which are essentially a fragmented parallel school system with little oversight.

Public schools have always served all students who walk through the door, including students with academic, behavioral, and special needs. Continued charter school expansion places a disproportionate financial strain on urban districts.

Charter schools are not producing the educational outcomes they promise. I've included a link to RIDE where you can research both the ELA and Math scores for 2024-2025 and compare them with public schools. There is not a significant difference in overall scores as you would expect as charter schools historically have much lower numbers of students. One would think the scores would be much better than they are.

Additionally, charter schools can choose to remove students (kick out) who have challenging academic, behavioral, and special needs. During a House Education Committee testimony this year, a charter operator acknowledged removing students who did not meet behavioral expectations. Public schools serve every student, everyday.

Finally, the shifts in enrollment represent a major transfer of both students and funding from districts and create significant financial instability for urban districts.

Thank you for considering supporting S2787

Regards,

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