

Date: May 13, 2026

To: Senate Committee on Education

Re: OPPOSITION to Senate Bill 2787 – An Act Relating to Education -- Establishment of Charter Public Schools

Submitted By: Ariel Troncoso

Dear Chairperson and Members of the Committee,

My name is Ariel Troncoso, and I am writing to express my strong **opposition to Senate Bill 2787**. This bill proposes a damaging three-year moratorium on charter public school expansions and permanently lowers the statewide cap on these vital educational institutions.

I am a direct product of Rhode Island's charter school system. I attended a charter school from the second grade all the way through twelfth grade. This opportunity allowed me to flourish into the person I am today. Throughout my academic journey, I was supported by the best, most dedicated teachers who truly cared about my growth and future.

The profound impact of charter schools extends to my entire family, as we have proudly stuck with Paul Cuffee School for our education. Charter public schools provide a critical lifeline and tailored environment for families like mine who need alternative public options to succeed. Passing this bill would slam the door shut on future generations of Rhode Island students who deserve the exact same opportunity I had to thrive.

For these reasons, I urge the Committee to protect educational choice for Rhode Island families and vote **in opposition to Senate Bill 2787**. Thank you for your time, consideration, and dedication to our students.

Sincerely,

Ariel Troncoso
