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Subject: Oppose Senate Bill 2787 – Protect Educational Opportunity for Rhode Island Families

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Dear Chair Gallo and Members of the Senate Education Committee:

My name is Christeen, and I am Teacher in Providence and a Parent from East Providence. I am writing to respectfully urge you to oppose Senate Bill 2787.

While this bill has been described as a temporary “moratorium,” it would effectively block the creation of new charter public schools in Rhode Island and limit future educational opportunities for families across our state. Most concerning, the legislation is written retroactively, impacting schools already moving through the approval process, including De La Comunidad Bilingual School and the Greene School expansion.

Families deserve access to high-quality public school options that meet the diverse needs of students. Rhode Island’s public education system should be focused on expanding opportunity, not restricting it. For many families, charter public schools provide specialized programs, innovative models, language immersion opportunities, career and technical pathways, and learning environments where their children can thrive.

I have been a parent of a public school student, a nanny of both public and private school students, a volunteer at public schools and a teacher at two different charter schools. Something that stands out to me is that parents without money have a choice at a charter school. Something that public schools do not always offer. I am blessed to have a recently renovated public high school in my town. However, if my adopted son had the opportunity to go to a charter school, his life would have been drastically different. Until the state fixes the state of its public schools, it has no right to take the choice away from families who are trying to do what's best for their children in a world that is never rooting for them.

I also believe decisions about the future of public education should be informed by collaboration, transparency, and long-term planning, not broad restrictions that close

doors for students and communities. Rhode Island should continue strengthening accountability for all public schools while preserving opportunities for innovation and growth.

Please oppose Senate Bill 2787 and support a public education system that values opportunity, access, and family voice.

Sincerely,

Christeen Hum Brouillard

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