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Dear Honorable Members of the Senate Education Committee,

I am writing today in support of Senate Bill S2787, which would impose a three-year moratorium on the creation of new charter schools in Rhode Island.

Until the state develops a fair and sustainable funding formula for both Local Education Agencies (LEAs) and charter schools, the current system will continue to harm traditional public-school districts. As it stands, charter schools are drawing critical resources away from the districts that serve the vast majority of Rhode Island students.

You may hear that the public strongly supports expanding charter schools, but many people are not being told the full story. Under the current funding structure, the state first redirects money away from local school districts, and districts are then required to provide additional funding to charter schools. This creates severe financial strain on already underfunded public schools.

At the same time, critics argue they do not want underperforming schools. Yet when districts are forced to reduce staff, eliminate programs, and increase class sizes in order to cope with shrinking budgets, declining outcomes become far more likely. Our schools cannot continue to deliver the level of education our students deserve while facing constant financial cuts.

This pause on new charter schools must also provide the opportunity to restructure and modernize the way education funding is distributed across Rhode Island. I urge you to support Senate Bill S2787 and give our public-school districts the stability and resources they need to focus on what they do best: educating our children, not continually cutting services to survive reduced funding.

Thank you  
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