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Dear Representative Lombardi,

I am writing to urge you to support H 7415, the Charter Moratorium and Cap Reduction bill. Charter school expansion continues to divert critical funding and resources away from Rhode Island's public schools. Every dollar redirected to charter schools is a dollar no longer available for neighborhood public schools that serve the overwhelming majority of our students, including students with disabilities, multilingual learners, and children facing poverty and housing insecurity.

This ongoing expansion has real consequences for our communities. Public schools are often among the largest employers, community centers, and stabilizing institutions in our cities and towns. When funding is siphoned away, districts are forced to make difficult cuts to staffing, programs, transportation, arts, libraries, counseling services, and extracurricular opportunities. Students and families feel those losses directly.

The financial strain caused by charter growth also undermines long-term planning and creates instability for local school districts. Communities are left trying to maintain buildings, retain teachers, and provide quality education with shrinking resources, while fixed costs remain the same. This weakens the educational foundation that public schools provide for entire neighborhoods.

Rhode Island should be investing in strengthening public education for all students, not creating a system that increases competition for limited funding. A moratorium and cap reduction would provide the state an opportunity to evaluate the true fiscal and community impact of charter expansion before allowing additional growth.

I urge you to stand with Rhode Island students, families, educators, and communities by supporting H 7415.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
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