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Dear Legislature,

As a public school teacher for the Pawtucket School system since 1990, I have become immersed in the community.

I bought a home in Pawtucket; I shop at Central Avenue Bakery and Lil General Store. I know all the people that work there.

And when I shop at the Stop and Shop in Pawtucket, I greet my students and their parents.

When I walk my three dogs on the streets of Pawtucket, former students stop their cars and say hello.

I know other teachers in the Pawtucket School District who are also immersed in their communities.

Being in Pawtucket so long, I feel I provide student support seven days per week.

If public schools are taken over by charters, the city will possess carpetbaggers for student support. Teachers will run away to their suburbs and plant flowers on their astroturf.

In closing, please put a cap on charter growth in Rhode Island.

Respectfully,
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