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Good Morning,

I am writing in regards to S2787, legislation establishing a temporary charter school moratorium and reducing the statewide charter cap from 35 to 25. This bill is extremely important to the educational future of our state. Without a charter school moratorium and cap, Rhode Island cities and towns, already strapped for cash and facing significant tax increases for its residents, will continue to fund parallel school systems. There is no difference in the level of education delivered, yet the charter schools continue to get higher per student funding. If cities and towns don't get some form of relief from the expansion of charter schools and the way they are funded, the level of education these towns and cities deliver has the potential to be dramatically damaged going forward. Thank you for taking the time to read my testimony.

Sincerely,  
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