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To the Senate Education Committee,

My name is Julie Petrarca, and I am an 8th Grade Math Teacher from West Warwick, RI.

I am writing to support S2787 because Rhode Island cannot continue expanding a separate, fragmented school system while our neighborhood public schools are facing staffing shortages, increasing student needs, and growing financial pressure.

Public schools welcome and serve every student who walks through the door, including those with the highest academic, behavioral, and special education needs. Continued charter school expansion creates an unfair financial burden on urban districts that are already supporting high-need student populations.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Julie A. Petrarca