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Dear Senate Education Committee Members,

I am writing in support of Senate Bill S2787 which supports moratoriums/cap reductions on charter schools and forming a commission to study funding/costs of charters.

Charter schools take money away from public education, while having little transparency with how their funds are used. Charter school students do not perform better than their public school counterparts. RI has nearly 64 independent public school districts due to charter schools, causing wasteful duplication of service and sending RI dollars to out of state charter corporations. I am a school nurse teacher in the Pawtucket School Department. I see that money diverted to charter schools directly impacts our community. At present, the Pawtucket School Department is cutting millions of dollars from the budget for next fiscal year. Dozens of employees' jobs/hours are being cut for next year. This directly impacts the services that are provided to public school students.

Please support the above bill before your committee to help fund education more efficiently and with more transparency for RI students.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
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