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Dear Chair and Members of the Senate Education Committee,

I am writing in support of S2787, which would establish a temporary charter school moratorium and reduce the statewide charter cap.

As a public school educator, I see every day how important it is for our neighborhood public schools to have the staffing, resources, student supports, and funding needed to serve all students well. Continued charter expansion places additional financial pressure on public school districts while our schools are already working to meet the needs of students with limited resources.

This bill does not eliminate charter schools. It creates a necessary pause so Rhode Island can evaluate the long-term fiscal impact, equity concerns, and sustainability of continuing to expand a parallel system of schools.

I respectfully urge the committee to support S2787.

Sincerely,
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