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Senate Education Committee,

My name is MaryAnne McGonnigle and I am an MLL teacher in Pawtucket. I support S2787 for several reasons. First, I have spoken with parents who have chosen to withdraw their children from traditional public schools and enroll them in charter schools only to be disheartened by the inferior education they found there. We have had several students return to our school after being dissatisfied with the charter school option. Parents who don't even know me, per se, have had horrible things to tell me about their child's experience in local charter schools.

The second problem I have is that the funding allotted to charters for those students who return to us mid-year stays there while we use our funding to support them upon return. The funding should stay with the child when they come back to us.

I could go on but my last point is that I know for a fact that charters cannot support the special needs of our learners. I have spoken with a charter school principal who said they will never be able to help children with special needs like we do in public school. Not only is it unethical to take public funding and then only use it to educate a select group of our students, it brings imbalance to schools who are losing typical students to charters because they are predominantly the ones chosen to go there.

Please support S2787.

Thank you,

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