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Dear RI State Legislators,

I am writing to ask you to support S2787, the Charter Moratorium and Cap Reduction Act. While I recognize the benefits of certain Charter schools, this bill addresses the impact of the issue of over expansion.

Charter expansion continues to divert resources away from Rhode Island's public schools, which serve the vast majority of students in our communities. Public schools must educate every student who walks through the door, and they need stable funding to provide the staffing, programs, and support that students deserve.

As an educator in the area of multilingual learning, specifically, I have seen dramatic changes over the years related to budget cuts. These have affected student and academic growth, including staffing cuts of teachers and other important staff, such as Teacher Coaches like myself. Also, multilingual learner (MLL) classroom teacher assistants have been eliminated at secondary level. These educators have been an important aspect of the English language acquisition program for our MLL students. Finally, higher student to teacher ratios have resulted from cuts. Classroom sizes have increased, often at room capacity, which data shows has a negative effect on student learning.

I hope you will stand with public school students, families, and educators by supporting Bill S2787. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
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