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Dear Senate Education Committee:

My name is Stephanie Baxter, and I am a Middle School Technology teacher from Pawtucket. In the five years that I have worked in the Middle school, I have seen a terrible teacher shortage leaving us with classes to cover every day and limited quality substitutes. Our middle school students have endured years of core and itinerant teacher vacancies which gravely impacts their education.

I support S2787 because Rhode Island cannot continue expanding a charter school system that takes money away from our kids who are attending their neighborhood public schools,

'Public schools serve every student who walks through the door, including students with the highest academic, behavioral, and special education needs. Continued charter expansion places disproportionate financial strain on urban districts already serving high-need student populations.'

With this legislation, a responsible temporary pause is possible, that allows Rhode Island to "evaluate long-term fiscal impacts, educational outcomes, and equity concerns before authorizing additional expansion." Please consider supporting bill S2787. Thank you for your consideration.

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