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Dear Chair Gallo and Members of the Senate Education Committee:

On behalf of Providence Promise, I am writing to respectfully urge you to oppose Senate Bill 2787.

While this bill has been described as a temporary “moratorium,” it would effectively block the creation of new charter public schools in Rhode Island and limit future educational opportunities for families across our state. Most concerning, the legislation is written retroactively, impacting schools already moving through the approval process, including De La Comunidad Bilingual School and the Greene School expansion.

Families deserve access to high-quality public school options that meet the diverse needs of students. Rhode Island’s public education system should be focused on expanding opportunity, not restricting it. For many families, charter public schools provide specialized programs, innovative models, language immersion opportunities, career and technical pathways, and learning environments where their children can thrive.

Providence Promise works to ensure that every child in Providence has the resources, opportunities, and support needed to succeed from early childhood through college and career. Through our work with hundreds of local families, we see firsthand how deeply parents care about their children’s education and how important it is for families to have access to strong public school options.

We also believe decisions about the future of public education should be informed by collaboration, transparency, and long-term planning, not broad restrictions that close doors for students and communities. Rhode Island should continue strengthening accountability for all public schools while preserving opportunities for innovation and growth.

Please oppose Senate Bill 2787 and support a public education system that values opportunity, access, and family voice.

Sincerely,
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