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To the Senate Education Committee:

My name is Shane Allen, and I am a MLL Social Studies educator currently serving the city of Pawtucket. I have been an educator for 6 years in multiple districts and have seen firsthand our school communities across the state be negatively impacted at the rapidly expanding charter school corporate model.

I support S2787 because Rhode Island cannot continue expanding a fragmented parallel school system while neighborhood public schools face staffing shortages, rising student needs, and growing fiscal pressure.

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.

This legislation creates a responsible temporary pause that allows Rhode Island to evaluate long-term fiscal impacts, educational outcomes, and equity concerns before authorizing additional expansion.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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