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Good Evening,

I am a Providence Teacher. I vote in every election. I oppose bill S 2934. This bill is targeting the hard working teachers of Providence. Teachers in Providence are expected to do jobs that are handled by multiple people in other districts but we do it for the students. Instead of being supported by lawmakers we are constantly under attack. We work with students who live with institutional poverty and racism and we work to give them the knowledge and tools for a better life. Over the last 6 years since the state takeover more and more teachers and programs have been cut, due to budget. Many positions remain unfilled by qualified teachers because of the reputation that is perpetuated in the media and by state leadership that Providence schools are horrible. Now the hard working qualified teachers that are left in Providence are under attack again with this bill. Instead of helping us with the challenge of educating our youth those who wish to pass this bill want cut our salaries and penalize us for things beyond our control. This will not encourage the next generation of teachers to consider Providence a destination. Instead they will avoid Providence and seek opportunities elsewhere. Ultimately this bill if passed will only hurt the students of Providence. We are in a nation wide teacher shortage, people are already leaving the profession in mass quantities. Why would anyone choose to attack those who wish to stay and teach? I will personally vote against anyone who supported this bill that appears on future ballots in any future election.

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