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Dear Members of the Senate,

I am writing in strong opposition to S 2934.

I have taught in Providence Public Schools for over 20 years. I am also a graduate of Providence Public Schools, and I have chosen to build my life in the same city where I teach because I believe deeply in Providence and its students.

That is why I find this bill so troubling.

Providence students deserve experienced teachers who know the community and are committed to staying in it. Policies that weaken collective bargaining rights, create separate standards for Providence teachers, and make educators feel disposable will not strengthen our schools; instead, they will increase instability and make it even harder to retain experienced teachers in a district that has already endured years of upheaval.

I believe in accountability and improvement. Anyone who has spent decades in Providence classrooms understands that our schools face real challenges. But meaningful progress comes from investment, collaboration, and stability, not from undermining due process and labor protections.

Teachers are not the obstacle to student success. We are the people who have stayed committed to this city and its children through state takeover, staffing shortages, budget crises, and constant change. We should be treated as partners in improving Providence schools, not as the problem to be solved.

I urge you to reject S 2934.

Sincerely,

Dianne McLaughlin