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Dear Senators,

I am writing as a constituent and an educator in Providence to express my strong opposition to Senate Bill S 2934, sponsored by Senator Samuel D. Zurier.

This bill is deeply concerning as it proposes to establish a separate minimum salary schedule for Providence public school teachers and creates a process for dismissal and demotion that differs from existing protections. Such provisions would effectively single out Providence teachers and undermine the collective bargaining rights that ensure fairness and stability within our profession.

Providence teachers should not be treated as less than our colleagues across the state. We deserve the same rights, protections, and professional respect afforded to all public educators in Rhode Island. Passing S 2934 would set a troubling precedent and weaken the standards that help attract and retain qualified educators for our students.

Members of the Providence Teachers Union have actively opposed this legislation for the past two years through testimony and advocacy. I respectfully urge you to stand with educators and reject this bill.

Please vote **NO** on S 2934 and help protect equitable treatment and collective bargaining rights for all teachers.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Erin Francis MEd