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Dear Senators,

I have been a proud Providence Public School educator for 36 years, and I am writing to urge you to vote NO on Senate Bill S2934.

We currently have many unfilled positions and struggle to attract people to work in Providence given the daily challenges our students face and our lack of resources to help them succeed. Passage of this bill would only lead to greater shortages and resignations as well as other detrimental effects. Passing this Bill against one union will only lead to more unions being affected in the future. Is the goal of this to create a complete charter network and eliminate public schools in Rhode Island? If this happens to teachers, will unions in other sectors and professions also face such changes? It is unconscionable to even discuss such a detrimental bill presented by a senator who seems to hold a grudge against Providence Teachers who work tirelessly throughout the school year and beyond to meet the needs of our students and families.

To reiterate my points, altering the established salary schedules and loosening the protective guidelines for dismissing or demoting public school teachers risks destabilizing our educational system. These changes could undermine job security for dedicated educators, worsen existing teacher shortages, and directly harm student achievement during the high-stakes transition away from state control.

Rhode Island needs to attract and retain highly qualified educators by offering stability and fair protections, rather than creating avenues that make it easier to lower compensation structures or dismiss staff unilaterally.

Please prioritize the stability of our school system and oppose S2934. Thank you for your time and public service.

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