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To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Shirley Pineda, and I am a School Nurse Teacher in the Providence Public School District. I am writing to express my opposition to Senate Bill S2934.

As a school nurse working directly within Providence schools every day, I see firsthand the challenges our students, staff, and schools already face. We are continuing to work toward rebuilding trust, strengthening school communities, and retaining dedicated educators and support staff who care deeply about our students. A bill that creates separate standards for Providence teachers regarding salary schedules, dismissal, and demotion sends a discouraging message to the professionals serving one of the highest need student populations in our state.

Providence students deserve stability and consistency. School nurses, teachers, counselors, support staff, and administrators all work together as part of a team to support student learning, attendance, mental health, safety, and overall well-being. Policies that risk undermining staff morale, job security, and retention ultimately impact students as well.

In healthcare and education alike, recruitment and retention matter. Providence already faces challenges attracting and keeping qualified professionals in school based roles. I worry that legislation perceived as weakening protections or creating unequal treatment for Providence educators could further contribute to staffing shortages and instability in our schools.

Our students benefit most when experienced, committed professionals feel valued, supported, and secure in the work they do. I respectfully urge the committee to oppose S2934.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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