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Dear Senator,

I am a proud veteran teacher of 30 years in Providence Public school teacher writing to urge you to vote NO on Senate Bill S2934.

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.

Throughout my 30 years in Providence Schools, teachers have devoted their time, energy and money to

provide for the children we work with each day. We have done this faithfully while watching our salary, rights and protections and value of our expertise diminish year after year. Why is this focus only on the Providence School Teachers? Why do those making the decisions for Providence Schools keep choosing to devalue public education and champion charter schools that defund public education for all. This truly looks like another way to blow up public education.

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. We also need an investment in our public schools and less red tape allowing teachers to provide our students the quality instruction they deserve with quality programs.

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

Sincerely,
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