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To whom it may concern,

I have been an educator in Providence for the last 15 years. I have given the district, my school, my students, and the greater Providence community my blood, sweat, and tears (not hyperbole). Over the past fifteen years we as educators have been asked to do more with less, year after year. Our job begins before most people are out of bed, and continues once people have settled in for the night. We plan, grade, communicate with families, go to community events, volunteer our time, review data, adjust to the ever-evolving list of expectations and initiatives set forth by the district and the state; all in addition to actually teaching lessons. However, Providence educators in particular are always “under fire”. Providence has a difficult time as it is filling vacant positions and retaining world-class educators; yet now we are being isolated from the rest of the state and being asked to take less money, and minimize job security. As someone that is at top step, with two young boys at home, the salary that I currently earn is nowhere near enough to live comfortably in our current economy. I live paycheck to paycheck, trying to save where I can, but it is nearly impossible. Our teachers commit their lives to the betterment of our youth, and I think it is time that we show educators, especially in Providence, that they are respected, appreciated, and honored.

All in all, I vehemently REJECT this proposed bill. If you want to build up the future, and optimize the educational experience of our students, it starts with having amazing teachers; who are fairly compensated and revered.

Sincerely,

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Sent from my iPhone