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Dear Senator Jonathon Acosta,

I am writing to express my strong support for legislation **S3214 and H8429**, which would return local control of schools to the City of Central Falls.

For more than 30 years, Central Falls schools have been under state governance. Today, the city stands ready to take this important step forward. Through years of collaboration with state leaders, participation in a legislative commission, and meaningful community engagement, Central Falls has developed a responsible and thoughtful transition plan. The recent election of a new school board further demonstrates that the community is prepared to lead.

Importantly, this proposal reflects a clear financial commitment from the city. Central Falls is stepping up to invest in its schools—marking a significant and responsible shift that ensures the city is contributing directly to the success of its students and educators. Returning control to the local level will strengthen accountability and outcomes. Decisions made closer to students and families foster stronger partnerships, more responsive leadership, and a deeper understanding of community needs. This transition will empower Central Falls to build a school system that reflects and serves its community more effectively.

Equally important, this is a matter of fairness. Municipalities across Rhode Island govern their own schools, and Central Falls should not remain an exception. The community deserves the same opportunity to lead, invest in, and be accountable for its schools. After decades of preparation, Central Falls is ready to invest financially in its schools, take responsibility for its students, and bring control of its schools back to the community. I respectfully urge you to support **S3214 and H8429** and help move Central Falls forward. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
  
*A resident of the City of Central Falls for over 30 years*