

Testimony in Opposition of 2025 – HB6034

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**House Committee on Education**

Rhode Island General Assembly  
State House  
82 Smith Street  
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Dear Chairperson McNamara and Members of the House Education Committee,

My name is Alba Urbaez Gomez , and I am a parent in Providence. I write to express my **strong opposition to House Bill 6034**, which would limit the future of network charter schools in Rhode Island by **banning the approval of new network charter schools and blocking the expansion of existing ones**.

Charter schools are an opportunity for my child and children like my child who need more individualized attention to be served properly. The reason I support this charter school is because I have a special needs child who isn't receiving the appropriate support due to a lack of structure. My other child attends school only three days a week, and I've been on the waiting list for over three years. Despite having an IEP, my son isn't getting the attention he needs. I advocate for more schools because it's unacceptable for kids to miss out on the right education. Opening more schools and increasing IEP evaluations would be incredibly beneficial.

I urge you to reject H 6034 and instead work toward policies that strengthen accountability and quality without limiting access and opportunity.

Please stand with Rhode Island families and students who depend on strong public school options. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

**Alba Urbaez Gomez**