

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 Johanna Martinez , 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.**

My reason for supporting charter schools is because it would be beneficial to have more charter schools available to those stuck on the waitlist. I was fortunate to avoid a waiting list when I first enrolled my child in the charter lottery. I encourage all parents to apply and be patient, as it can be frustrating but worth it. My daughter attends Achievement First and is thriving.

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,

Johanna Martinez