

Testimony in Opposition of 2025 – HB6034

Submitted to the House Education Committee

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Dear Chairperson McNamara and Members of the House Education Committee,

My name is Soraida Morales , 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**.

I attended ppsd schools and graduated from Mt. Pleasant in 2002. My children are benefiting from charter schools, and my oldest is part of the founding class at Achievement Flrst. She is graduating in June of 2025, and has been accepted into 12 Universities across the country. An opportunity I never had. We are both enrolling in college at the same time. I also have twins who are entering kindergarten next year.

I urge you to reject H 6034 and instead work toward policies that strengthen accountability and quality without limiting access and opportunity. All children deserve opportunities, and charter schools provide just that.

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

Sincerely,

Soraida Morales