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**Testimony submitted by State Representative Joan A. Lewis 8<sup>th</sup> District to the Education Committee, March 12, 2007**

**HB 7358 "An Act Concerning Gifted and Talented Students"**

Senator Thomas Gaffey, Representative Andrew Fleischmann, Ranking Members, and Members of the Education Committee.

I am writing to support HB 7358. The Gifted and Talented program is extremely important to the education of our State's children. It provides those children with exceptional abilities with an opportunity to enhance those abilities. These programs do not only affect the students in the programs but often expand to the entire school population through projects initiated within the program and bring the learning experience to a higher level for all students in the school system.

The existence of Gifted and Talented programs are often threatened and sometimes lost at budget time. I am writing in support of HB 7358 as it would help assure that these programs would remain and grow in our public school systems and guarantee additional opportunities for our students.