

Senate Bill 1408: "An Act Concerning Charter Schools"

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My name is Megan Simpson and I am speaking on behalf of Trailblazers Academy and the entire charter school community in Connecticut in support of Senate Bill 1408

Charter schools across Connecticut have provided students with an alternative to districted schools for over a decade now.

I am an 8th grader at Trailblazers Academy in Stamford and I have benefited from my charter school experience in several ways.

The smaller classes allow my teachers to learn my strengths and challenges so that I am able to get the help and attention that I need.

The school pledge that we say daily and the strict rules and high expectations have taught me many important things like motivation, perseverance and how to respect others, but most importantly myself. That will allow me to be successful in high school, college, and beyond.

The longer school days affords me the opportunity to get more in depth to each subject that I learn.

We have learned a great deal about equality at my time at Trailblazers.
. We have learned that minorities have had to work hard throughout history to gain equality, we have learned the same thing about the struggles of women.

I am personally excited that I will see in my young life an African-American and woman run for the Presidency.

I have also learned that in school every student should have an equal chance for success. That means all students should get the same help and resources.

That equality starts with making per pupil funding for charter schools equal.

Thank you for your time.

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