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*The Connecticut Association of Public School Superintendents*

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Education Committee Members  
CT. General Assembly –LOB  
Hartford, CT 06105

Dear Education Committee Members:

I am writing in support of HB 7176, an Act concerning Special Education. The legislation in this bill is fair and realistic, and would help to contain special education costs which have increased over 120% in the past several years.

It should be noted that due to the super-charged increases in special education costs, other programs in school districts have had to be reduced or eliminated, and more importantly our students are not being well-served by identifying them as special education so that they can receive remedial assistance.

We hope you will support this bill that serves the interests of all students.

Sincerely,

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