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Good afternoon, my name is Michael Savage, and I am appearing in my capacity as the Executive Director of the Connecticut Association of Schools to offer our support of:

**H.B. No. 7273 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING SUSPENSIONS AND EXPULSIONS BY LOCAL AND REGIONAL BOARDS OF EDUCATION.**

**H.B. No. 7274 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING POSSESSION OF EDGED WEAPONS AT SCHOOL.**

**H.B. No. 7356 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING OFF-CAMPUS ASSAULT AND BATTERY.**

The above bills enhance school climate and contribute to a safe and health environment for students and adults.

Accordingly, in the interest of the best school environment as enhanced by effective school leadership, our association is on record opposing:

**S.B. No. 1413 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING IN-SCHOOL SUSPENSIONS.**

This bill requires that any student suspended from school for any reason be placed in in-school suspension for no more than five days, and thus removes any discretion from school administrators to suspend students away from school. Such legislation would seriously inhibit the flexibility of school administrators to do what is best for the entire school community in specific disciplinary situations.

The Connecticut Association of Schools represents over 1,100 elementary and secondary schools in Connecticut in advocating for the best interests of schools, their students, faculty and administrators. CAS supports a wide range of activities from academics to athletics, as well as proving professional development for school leaders.

This completes my testimony. Thank you for your consideration.

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