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### Testimony

March 12, 2005

To the Co-Chairs and members of the Education Committee:

I write to express my support of HB-7291, "AN ACT CONCERNING THE ANNUAL INVENTION CONVENTION FOR STUDENTS."

This piece of legislation provides matching funds to the Department of Education for the Connecticut Invention Convention (CIC). Currently, CIC coordinates "inventing" programs in 90 schools throughout Connecticut. It is an all-volunteer program that helps children develop unique problem solving skills and encourages innovative thinking focusing on math and science. The Invention Convention is supported by annual cooperate gifts and in-kind contributions, and these matching grants will be integral to CIC's functionality. Thousands of Connecticut students have benefited from CIC and it is my hope that thousands more will be able to continue to benefit from this program.

Thank you for your consideration,

Rep. Linda Orange

Public Hearing Testimony Speaker:

*Linda Orange*

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