

Senator Gaffey, Representative Flesichmann and members of the Education Committee,

Between 7 and 15 million U.S. children return from school to an empty house on any given afternoon, violent and juvenile crime triples in the hours from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and it is during these hours that children face the most serious danger of becoming victims of crime or participants in substance abuse and early sexual activity. Quality after-school programs promote academic success and positive social relationships and after-school programs are proven to reduce crimes against children, crimes by children, and incidents of other risky behaviors among children.

CT PTA believes the increased investment in funding quality after-school programs, provided by HB 7348 will greatly benefit the children of CT and deserves your support.

Thank-you,
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