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**Testimony  
Submitted to the  
Education Committee**

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**HB 5594 AN ACT CONCERNING A CORPORATE TAX CREDIT AND AN INCOME  
TAX CREDIT FOR DONATIONS TO EDUCATION FOUNDATIONS**

**SB 435 AN ACT CONCERNING COMPETITIVE SCHOOL READINESS GRANTS**

The Connecticut Association of Boards of Education (CABE) strongly support SB 435, An Act Concerning Competitive School Readiness Grants, which attempts to ensure that the total appropriation is available to be utilized to create opportunities for as many needy children as possible. We also support efforts to make those technical corrections that are necessary in order to insure that when slots are created in one fiscal year that they continue to be funded in a subsequent year. Children that begin a quality preschool program should be able to continue that experience.

CABE opposes the provisions of HB 5594, An Act Concerning a Corporate Tax Credit and an Income Tax Credit for Donations to Education Foundations, which would provide tax credits for donations to fund low income student attendance in nonpublic schools. This provision carries a significant potential fiscal impact in lost tax revenue. At a time when our public schools need additional resources to meet the requirements of No Child Left Behind and close the achievement gap, we oppose any diversion of potential resources to non-public schools.

We appreciate your attention to these issues.

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Speaker: *EJ.*

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