

**Testimony of Lilia Kieltyka
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Governor's Proposed Budget Adjustments
Appropriations Committee
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Senator Harp, Representative Geragosian and members of the Appropriations Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify. My name is Lilia Kieltyka and my children attend Sacred Heart School in New Britain.

As a Catholic school parent I would like to express my concerns about the Governor's proposed reduction in aid to towns that provides nursing and transportation services to New Britain's two Catholic schools.

I would like to make the members of this committee aware of the existing disparities in nursing coverage in our city. While Sacred Heart school does receive full-time nursing coverage, the same as the public schools, Pope John Paul II school only receives 10 hours a week of nursing coverage.

I am very concerned that nursing services provided to Connecticut's Catholic schools will be reduced even further if the Governor's proposed reduction is approved.