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Testimony of : Miriam Morales- Taylor
In opposition to: Bill Number 5425

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

OPENING CHOICE: Honorable Chairmen, Members of the Committee:

TEXT OF TESTIMONY / STATEMENT OF POSITION:

My name is Miriam Morales – Taylor, Assistant Superintendent for Learning Support Services for the city of Hartford. I have been in this position for the past two years. I oversee the Special Education Department; I am contacting you in opposition of **BILL NUMBER 5425 and Act Concerning Special Education.**

- **Any decision regarding special education services, in this case, applied behavior analysis, should be determined by the Planning and Placement Team (PPT) in light of individual student needs;**
- **Requiring the Hartford Schools to be responsible for the education of its students moving to other districts will place a financial and documentation burden on the district due to the transient nature of the population. Students move not solely to neighboring towns, but also beyond the capital region and out of state.**

ENDING:

Thank you for the opportunity to communicate with you today on this important issue and I ask that you oppose **BILL NUMBER 5425.**