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Chairman Gaffey, Chairman Fleishman and Honorable members of the Education Committee, I am here to testify in strong support of section two of S.B. 280 An Act Concerning School Transportation.

Section 10-186a of the General Statutes require that students be provided with transportation. Section Two of the bill would allow municipalities who are required to provide school transportation, the ability to allow parents to sign a waiver of this transportation. This waiver will save municipalities money in their school transportation budget.

The Town of Wethersfield had a study done that has shown that if parents were able to waive transportation they could potentially save \$300,000 per year. The study found that only 56% of eligible riders actually use the transportation, at a cost of over \$300 per child per year, that is a significant savings. In the current economy when everyone is trying to find ways to save money this legislation just makes sense. I thank you for your consideration of this bill.