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**Testimony of Donna Davis
Hartford Public School Parent
Testimony in Support of Raised Senate Bill 1195
Submitted to the Legislative Appropriations Committee
March 24, 2011**

Re: Proposed Bill 1195 Student Based Funding.

Honorable Chair Toni Harp, Honorable Chair Toni Walker, Members of the Appropriations Committee;

This correspondence is being presented prior to speaking before the appropriation committee on behalf of the proposed Bill 1195, An Act Concerning School Finance Reform.

It is my intention to speak in support of the proposed Bill in order to persuade the legislative committee to rule on our behalf.

As a parent with a child who is currently enrolled in a Hartford charter school, I like many parents are very well aware of the need for student-based funding.

I will speak on the need to secure funding for all students along with funding in order to address special needs for children with such need.

I will also speak on the seriousness of tending to students with diagnoses within the charter school system whose needs are currently not being addressed.

I will also provide some statistics of how funding can easily prepare these students for a meaningful and productive future among all individuals within the mainstream. Also, I will discuss the rising and alarming numbers of diagnoses now being addressed within the medical field and how school funding reform will make Connecticut a more education friendly state.

Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,

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