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Honorable Chairs, Members of the Appropriation Committee; My name is Meghan Brooks, next year I will be a freshman at Common Ground High School. For all my years of education I have attended Magnet Schools in New Haven. I have made the choice to attend a Charter High School.

I believe that it is not fair that New Haven Public Schools are getting \$14,500 per student while Charter Schools only get \$9,300.

Common Ground is my school of choice. I believe my education and my future will be more successful as a student there. Common Ground has amazing educational opportunities and other programs to support my future goals. They do this with significantly less funding. Imagine what they would be able to do with financial equality.

It is my hope that you will support our Charter Schools and our future by fixing this injustice.

Thank you,

Meghan Brooks