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TO: Chairman Eric Coleman
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RE: HB6599 An Act Concerning Discrimination

STATEMENT OF THE CONNECTICUT EDUCATION ASSOCIATION ON HOUSE BILL NO. 6599

The Connecticut Education Association (CEA), which represents 37,000 teachers, supports House Bill No. 6599, AN ACT CONCERNING DISCRIMINATION. House Bill No. 6599 would prohibit discrimination against individuals on the basis of gender identity or expression. The CEA also opposes any exemptions to this bill's coverage for teachers in public schools. Connecticut public school teachers should be afforded the same equal treatment as other individuals protected by Connecticut General Statutes Section 46a-58.