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Testimony  
**Subject:** Bill 1155

To whom it may concern,

I am a single mother of 4 children, ages 12-19. I (happily) care for all of them and this includes bearing the cost of feeding them, fuel expenses to drive them to activities. I need to be able to keep up with paying for clothes, school-required expenses and miscellaneous expenses (they always "need" something). In addition, two of my children (both boys) are dyslexic and I pay for the extra help provided to them (tutors after school).

I also need to keep up with all of the monthly expenses required to maintain my home (heat, utilities, mortgage, etc). My children have grown up and continue to live in New Canaan where they are used to a solid community and feel loved, happy and safe.

This is an expensive area to live. My future x-husband threatens to not pay for college and to pay me the minimum he has to pay in the state of CT. This proposed cap will seriously threaten my ability to maintain a stable home for my children.

I am very concerned about the new bill 1155. Please understand Fairfield county encompasses both Bridgeport and New Canaan. There could not be two more disparate extremes in terms of standard of living, i.e. a cap that may apply to the standard of living in Bridgeport would not at all suffice for New Canaan. Please consider the economics of this situation.

Sincerely  
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