My testimony on March 12th for the public hearings on legislation related to Common Core standards and teacher evaluation.

The only conclusion a reasonable person can reach on the subject of the Common Core curriculum is that it is wrong for our children in the state of Connecticut. It is a one size fits all national program that will not prepare our children to face an ever changing world and develop the critical thinking skills that they will need to solve tomorrow's challenges.

This untried and poorly thought out program was developed with major corporations with no expertise in educating children. This is a “one size fits all” solution, imagine if we applied this concept to poorly designed and untried school uniforms? It’s the same line of thinking, it frustrates everyone who is directly involved.

Common Core curriculum over-rides the parents and teachers role in the educational process and frustrates the children with its illogical problems and untried methods. I respectfully urge all honorable legislators to limit and eliminate Common Core curriculum in the great state of Connecticut. We will be left with a lost generation of poorly educated young adults if we fail to act on this now.

We need to take back the responsibility of educating our children and put it back in local hands, let the people who look these children in the eyes daily make responsible decisions, not bureaucrats with no direct contact or accountability in the educational needs of our children.

Respectfully yours Katheryn Brown, Connecticut parent and grandparent.