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Testimony in Support of Committee Bill 5078

An Act Concerning a Moratorium on Implementation of the Common Core State Standards

Good afternoon Senator Stillman, Representative Fleishmann, Senator Boucher and Representative Ackert. Thank you for hearing my testimony in support of Committee Bill 5078, An Act Concerning a Moratorium on the Implementation of Common Core State Standards.

I stand in very strong support of this bill as currently written. Very simply, the Common Core State Standards does not represent a process of democracy, that citizens of our state and country should be able to count on. Little input from the public was considered in developing these standards. Little or no input from public school educators and administrators, parents or students were included in writing these standards. The cornerstone of our democracy is valuing the public process and public debate. When we ignore the public, we violate a basic tenet of our democracy and in turn public trust.

I have heard from an enormous number of educators in the two districts that I represent. They strongly oppose the implementation of these standards without further due diligence.

Having had three children attend and graduate from public school in Connecticut, I have first hand experience with our education system. In my experience, the teachers and administrators that dedicate themselves to the teaching profession are deeply experienced, knowledgeable and are a genuine credit to their profession. They have a passion for teaching

and nurturing the minds and hearts of students. They need to be a voice in this crucial debate. Turning a deaf ear to our public school educators makes no sense and is wrong in so many ways.

Let's use Common Sense on Common Core. Thank you for hearing my testimony and I hope that you will vote to support this bill. I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Terrie Wood". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "T" and a long, sweeping underline.

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