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House Bill 5564, "*An Act Concerning School Safety*"

Good Morning, Senator Stillman, Representative Fleischmann, Representative Cook, and other distinguished members of the Education Committee, my name is Jo-Anne Gauger and I am the principal of St. Peter/St. Francis School in Torrington, CT. Thank you for this opportunity to offer my comments in support of House Bill 5564, "*An Act Concerning School Safety*."

As the principal of a Catholic school, I want to ensure that all of my students are able to learn in a safe and nurturing environment, and I believe that supporting HB 5564 does just that.

Furthermore, I believe that improved safety for all school students –regardless of where they may go to school– should be a collective goal for the state of Connecticut. Please support HB 5564 and make the safety of every student in Connecticut a priority, regardless of where they may go to school.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jo-Anne Gauger

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