

To whom it may concern:

It should be on the record that whomever chose to hold this hearing at noon, basically excluded hundreds (if not thousands) of CT teachers who would have otherwise attended to share their testimonies in person. Asking them to send their experiences in writing by e-mail is a massive slap-in-the-face to stakeholders who work diligently with CT children every day. Meanwhile, a March 10th press release from ConnCAN states that the 'Big Six' is being welcomed to a certain room at 10:00 am to make their powerful push for Common Core and teacher evaluations to remain intact. This 'Big Six' is a POWERFUL partnership, which includes the Connecticut Business and Industry Association (CBIA), Connecticut Coalition for Achievement Now (ConnCAN), the Connecticut Council for Education Reform (CCER), Connecticut Association of Boards of Education (CABE), the Connecticut Association of Public School Superintendents (CAPSS), and the Connecticut Association of Schools (CAS). The vast majority of hard working teachers in Connecticut are NOT represented in any of these groups! Thank you very much for your time.

Sincerely,

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