



March 11, 2014

To: Education Committee

**Subject: Testimony - Re: H.B No 425 – An Act Concerning the State Education Resource Center**

My name is Milly Arciniegas, and I am a parent of a child in the Hartford Public School system and the Hartford Parent University Executive Director.

I fully support H.B. No 425. The State Education Resource Center has an opportunity to work and collaborate with a Board of Directors to preserve over 45 years of history of service on behalf of Connecticut's children and their families and maintain a partnership with the Connecticut State Department of Education by becoming a quasi-public agency.

SERC has a tremendous history with the State Department of Education and we believe this will help build a much stronger governance structure and SERC will be in a better position to continue to provide excellent services to Connecticut families and children.

Thank you for your time.