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SB 29 An Act Authorizing and Adjusting Bonds of the State for Capital Improvements, Transportation and Other Purposes  
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Senator Fonfara, Representative Widlitz and members of the Finance Committee, my name is Tom Moran and I am in the eighth grade at Saint Timothy Middle School in West Hartford. I am writing to testify in support of SB 29, and to request that funds for school security be made available to Catholic schools.

Due to the tragedy at Sandy Hook School, security has become a major priority at schools in Connecticut and nationwide. SB 29 includes funds for grants to schools so that they can improve their security procedures. I am asking that Catholic schools be allowed to apply for these grants.

My school, Saint Timothy Middle School spent more than fifty thousand dollars this past summer to improve security. The school bought security cameras, monitors, new door locks and a new notification system. We were not able to purchase new text books for some classes due to safety priorities.

I believe that wherever I attend school, whether Catholic or public, my classmates and I deserve to be safe. The safety of all Connecticut students should be important to all of you. The state helps Catholic schools to provide nursing and busing services. I think that school security is just as important. All students deserve a safe learning environment, regardless of where they attend school. It is important that students in Catholic and other non-public schools have the same security as students in public schools.

I urge you to support SB 29, and to allow our Catholic schools access to the security grant funding available to public schools in Connecticut. Please help us to keep all schools safe, including Saint Timothy Middle School.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

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