

Testimony of
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Senate Bill 29. *"An Act Authorizing and Adjusting Bonds of the State for Capital Improvements, Transportation and other Purposes."*

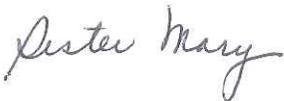
Good Morning, Senator Fonfara, Representative Widlitz and other distinguished members of the Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding, my name is Sister Mary McCarthy and I am the President of Mercy High School. I appreciate this opportunity to offer my comments in support of amending section 9 of Bill 29, *An Act Authorizing and Adjusting Bonds of the State for Capital Improvements, Transportation and other Purposes.*

I applaud Governor Malloy and the General Assembly for their hard work in 2013 on the School Security Grant Program in Section 84 of Public Act 13-3. I am respectfully requesting on behalf of the Catholic schools, that the law be amended to allow our schools to also access grants for school safety and upgraded security measures. All students in all schools are vulnerable and deserve to be secure in their respective schools.

Respectfully I ask that you amend Section 9 of SB 29 to allow Catholic and Private schools access to the school security grant funds available to the state's public school systems.

I appreciate your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Sr. Mary A. McCarthy, RSM
President

