



**CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS**

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Senator Cassano, Representative Willis, and Members of the Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee:

I regret that I cannot be there in person today, but please accept this testimony in support of House Bill 5029, *An Act Concerning Sexual Assault and Intimate Partner Violence on Campus*.

Connecticut State University American Association of University Professors (CSU-AAUP) represents full and part-time faculty, counselors, librarians, and coaches at the four Connecticut State Universities. We believe this legislation will go a long way in helping to protect the students and employees at our universities and others in Connecticut.

HB 5029 requires all colleges and universities in Connecticut to provide formal documentation to victims that their complaints have been reported and to identify resources for the victims in that documentation. Further, HB 5029 requires that college/university officials accept complaints about off-campus assaults from students. It provides anonymity to students when reporting incidents to college/university officials and requires every college and university to create a sexual assault team to help victims navigate the process of getting help.

We believe that all of these proposals are common sense and will help protect the victims, which should be the priority when sexual assault occurs. We urge the Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee to support HB 5029.

Sincerely,

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