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Statement of Michael D'Agostino
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For the Judiciary Committee of the Connecticut General Assembly
February 24, 2014
In support of

SB-54, An Act Concerning Collaboration Between Boards of Education and Law Enforcement Personnel

Chairman Coleman, Chairman Fox, and Honorable members of the Judiciary Committee, I would like to express my strong support for SB-54, An Act Concerning Collaboration Between Boards of Education and Law Enforcement Personnel, that is currently in your committee for consideration.

As a former Board of Education Chair in Hamden, I believe it is imperative for local law enforcement agencies and local and regional boards of education to enter into cooperative agreements concerning how law enforcement will interact with school personnel. There should be clear protocols established between schools and our protective services as they navigate the fine line between student discipline and law enforcement.

In addition, as former board member, I was always sensitive to unnecessary unfunded mandates from the Legislature. This law is not that. It is something that all boards and local police departments should be doing (if they are not already).

Thank you chairmen and committee members for the opportunity to present testimony on this bill.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike D'Agostino".

Michael D'Agostino
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