Fairfield College
Preparatory School

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Special Tuition Raffle

Chairman Hartley, Chairman Dargan and members of the Public Safety and Security Committee thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony in support of Senate Bill 290 AN ACT CONCERNING TUITION RAFFLES.

The "tuition raffle" amendment will expand the available market for the raffle to individuals who do not have children going to school, but do have large college payments to pay back. Currently, most of the tuition tickets are bought by parents or grandparents which is our primary purchasing group. We rarely sell to single constituents who do not have children going to school, but do have large college loans to pay back. It additionally helps those already looking to help this group meet their debt such as parents and grandparents. This would mean we would be able to open up our sales to a larger audience of younger alumni who left college in debt and would make our raffle much more appealing. We have been asked by our alumni on numerous occasions if the raffle money can be used for college loan payback, so this would be a perfect fit if the raffle can be amended to include this segment.

For our school alone, we have over 2,100 alumni who have graduated through 10 years out who will have or have college debt to pay back. This will help our alumni and other institutions as well. This amendment will support a more inclusive audience. We all understand the level of financial stress that people face in education regardless of whether they are entering or exiting an educational institution. This is an opportunity for all of us to help elevate this stress.

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