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Testimony of Barbara Damon, regarding HB 5174: An act to establish a Children's State Flower

As the mother of two wonderful daughters, Avery, who is 20 yrs. old and Sara, who we lost to heart problems three years ago at the age of 21, I feel strongly that Connecticut's children are treasures that should be honored. The good will that can be generated by the story of Michaela and her beloved Four O'Clocks and by the creation of a state flower for children has the potential to be a vital source of inspiration and hope for children and adults alike across our state.

I urge you to take this important step to honor our state's children by supporting HB 5174 and providing a vehicle for sharing the hope and wonder of our children and their future. Naming a state flower for children and learning of Michaela's love of flowers will inspire other children and warm the heart of every parent, especially those of us who have lost a child.

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