

***TESTIMONY PRESENTED TO THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
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Testimony Regarding Senate Bill No. 816

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MINIMUM LEVEL OF FUNDING UNDER THE EDUCATION
COST SHARING GRANT FORMULA

Senator Bye, Representative Walker and distinguished members of the Appropriations Committee, thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony on Senate Bill No. 816, An Act Establishing a Minimum Level of Funding Under the Education Cost Sharing Grant Formula.

This bill would ensure that no town would receive less than 50% of the fully funded ECS formula. While the intent of providing a minimum level of funding is good, this approach would benefit those towns that are, for the most part, relatively better off during extremely tough fiscal times, requiring the state to either appropriate \$15 million more in ECS funding to the detriment of other state funded programs or decrease ECS funding to other towns in order to fund these towns at the 50% level.

Based on our preliminary estimate, the towns that would benefit from this proposal are: Branford, Danbury, East Granby, Glastonbury, Haddam, Middlebury, Newtown, North Haven, Orange, Rocky Hill, Shelton, Simsbury, Southbury, Trumbull, West Hartford, Wethersfield, and Woodbury. A town-by-town listing is attached.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony, and I am happy to answer any questions you may have.

Impact of SB 816 on 2015-16 Education Cost Sharing Grant
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Town Code	Town Name	(1)	(2)	(3)
		2014-15 ECS Entitlement	2015-16 ECS Entitlement No Town Receives Less Than 50% Of Fully Funded Formula	Comparison of 2015-16 to 2014-15 Entitlement
		\$2,038,840,614	2,053,842,914	15,002,300
1	Andover	\$2,379,549	\$2,379,549	\$0
2	Ansonia	\$16,548,642	\$16,548,642	\$0
3	Ashford	\$3,933,350	\$3,933,350	\$0
4	Avon	\$1,233,415	\$1,233,415	\$0
5	Barkhamsted	\$1,668,460	\$1,668,460	\$0
6	Beacon Falls	\$4,128,939	\$4,128,939	\$0
7	Berlin	\$6,311,635	\$6,311,635	\$0
8	Bethany	\$2,053,378	\$2,053,378	\$0
9	Bethel	\$8,261,688	\$8,261,688	\$0
10	Bethlehem	\$1,319,337	\$1,319,337	\$0
11	Bloomfield	\$6,230,536	\$6,230,536	\$0
12	Bolton	\$3,046,046	\$3,046,046	\$0
13	Bozrah	\$1,249,912	\$1,249,912	\$0
14	Branford	\$1,911,260	\$2,767,658	\$856,398
15	Bridgeport	\$178,900,148	\$178,900,148	\$0
16	Bridgewater	\$137,292	\$137,292	\$0
17	Bristol	\$45,348,587	\$45,348,587	\$0
18	Brookfield	\$1,555,658	\$1,555,658	\$0
19	Brooklyn	\$7,087,589	\$7,087,589	\$0
20	Burlington	\$4,394,032	\$4,394,032	\$0
21	Canaan	\$209,258	\$209,258	\$0
22	Canterbury	\$4,754,383	\$4,754,383	\$0
23	Canton	\$3,457,436	\$3,457,436	\$0
24	Chaplin	\$1,893,763	\$1,893,763	\$0
25	Cheshire	\$9,506,203	\$9,506,203	\$0
26	Chester	\$675,408	\$675,408	\$0
27	Clinton	\$6,502,667	\$6,502,667	\$0
28	Colchester	\$13,761,528	\$13,761,528	\$0
29	Colebrook	\$508,008	\$508,008	\$0
30	Columbia	\$2,573,616	\$2,573,616	\$0
31	Cornwall	\$85,322	\$85,322	\$0
32	Coventry	\$8,935,142	\$8,935,142	\$0
33	Cromwell	\$4,499,307	\$4,499,307	\$0
34	Danbury	\$29,554,523	\$30,400,399	\$845,876
35	Darien	\$1,616,006	\$1,616,006	\$0
36	Deep River	\$1,720,239	\$1,720,239	\$0
37	Derby	\$7,905,484	\$7,905,484	\$0
38	Durham	\$3,993,506	\$3,993,506	\$0
39	Eastford	\$1,116,844	\$1,116,844	\$0
40	East Granby	\$1,377,206	\$1,421,879	\$44,673
41	East Haddam	\$3,779,206	\$3,779,206	\$0
42	East Hampton	\$7,690,997	\$7,690,997	\$0
43	East Hartford	\$48,811,203	\$48,811,203	\$0
44	East Haven	\$20,004,233	\$20,004,233	\$0

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45	East Lyme	\$7,138,163	\$7,138,163	\$0
46	Easton	\$593,868	\$593,868	\$0
47	East Windsor	\$5,789,350	\$5,789,350	\$0
48	Ellington	\$9,722,237	\$9,722,237	\$0
49	Enfield	\$28,973,638	\$28,973,638	\$0
50	Essex	\$389,697	\$389,697	\$0
51	Fairfield	\$3,590,008	\$3,590,008	\$0
52	Farmington	\$1,611,013	\$1,611,013	\$0
53	Franklin	\$948,235	\$948,235	\$0
54	Glastonbury	\$6,552,432	\$6,558,986	\$6,554
55	Goshen	\$218,188	\$218,188	\$0
56	Granby	\$5,536,473	\$5,536,473	\$0
57	Greenwich	\$3,418,642	\$3,418,642	\$0
58	Griswold	\$10,922,908	\$10,922,908	\$0
59	Groton	\$25,625,179	\$25,625,179	\$0
60	Guilford	\$3,058,981	\$3,058,981	\$0
61	Haddam	\$1,823,044	\$2,054,965	\$231,921
62	Hamden	\$27,018,047	\$27,018,047	\$0
63	Hampton	\$1,339,928	\$1,339,928	\$0
64	Hartford	\$200,830,551	\$200,830,551	\$0
65	Hartland	\$1,358,660	\$1,358,660	\$0
66	Harwinton	\$2,774,080	\$2,774,080	\$0
67	Hebron	\$7,016,070	\$7,016,070	\$0
68	Kent	\$167,342	\$167,342	\$0
69	Killingly	\$15,871,254	\$15,871,254	\$0
70	Killingworth	\$2,245,206	\$2,245,206	\$0
71	Lebanon	\$5,524,550	\$5,524,550	\$0
72	Ledyard	\$12,178,128	\$12,178,128	\$0
73	Lisbon	\$3,927,193	\$3,927,193	\$0
74	Litchfield	\$1,517,026	\$1,517,026	\$0
75	Lyme	\$145,556	\$145,556	\$0
76	Madison	\$1,576,061	\$1,576,061	\$0
77	Manchester	\$34,476,141	\$34,476,141	\$0
78	Mansfield	\$10,186,654	\$10,186,654	\$0
79	Marlborough	\$3,201,941	\$3,201,941	\$0
80	Meriden	\$59,964,898	\$59,964,898	\$0
81	Middlebury	\$738,899	\$1,011,147	\$272,248
82	Middlefield	\$2,142,785	\$2,142,785	\$0
83	Middletown	\$19,648,776	\$19,648,776	\$0
84	Milford	\$11,381,824	\$11,381,824	\$0
85	Monroe	\$6,613,738	\$6,613,738	\$0
86	Montville	\$12,768,219	\$12,768,219	\$0
87	Morris	\$657,975	\$657,975	\$0
88	Naugatuck	\$30,805,615	\$30,805,615	\$0
89	New Britain	\$85,008,849	\$85,008,849	\$0
90	New Canaan	\$1,495,604	\$1,495,604	\$0

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91	New Fairfield	\$4,468,243	\$4,468,243	\$0
92	New Hartford	\$3,187,717	\$3,187,717	\$0
93	New Haven	\$154,577,620	\$154,577,620	\$0
94	Newington	\$13,031,837	\$13,031,837	\$0
95	New London	\$25,677,518	\$25,677,518	\$0
96	New Milford	\$12,127,127	\$12,127,127	\$0
97	Newtown	\$4,441,264	\$5,248,655	\$807,391
98	Norfolk	\$381,414	\$381,414	\$0
99	North Branford	\$8,252,689	\$8,252,689	\$0
100	North Canaan	\$2,091,790	\$2,091,790	\$0
101	North Haven	\$3,393,016	\$4,276,574	\$883,558
102	North Stonington	\$2,906,538	\$2,906,538	\$0
103	Norwalk	\$11,275,807	\$11,275,807	\$0
104	Norwich	\$36,195,392	\$36,195,392	\$0
105	Old Lyme	\$605,586	\$605,586	\$0
106	Old Saybrook	\$652,677	\$652,677	\$0
107	Orange	\$1,185,863	\$1,976,580	\$790,717
108	Oxford	\$4,677,464	\$4,677,464	\$0
109	Plainfield	\$15,600,016	\$15,600,016	\$0
110	Plainville	\$10,405,528	\$10,405,528	\$0
111	Plymouth	\$9,913,763	\$9,913,763	\$0
112	Pomfret	\$3,136,587	\$3,136,587	\$0
113	Portland	\$4,394,272	\$4,394,272	\$0
114	Preston	\$3,077,693	\$3,077,693	\$0
115	Prospect	\$5,405,931	\$5,405,931	\$0
116	Putnam	\$8,471,318	\$8,471,318	\$0
117	Redding	\$687,733	\$687,733	\$0
118	Ridgefield	\$2,063,814	\$2,063,814	\$0
119	Rocky Hill	\$3,587,753	\$4,782,526	\$1,194,773
120	Roxbury	\$158,114	\$158,114	\$0
121	Salem	\$3,114,216	\$3,114,216	\$0
122	Salisbury	\$187,266	\$187,266	\$0
123	Scotland	\$1,450,663	\$1,450,663	\$0
124	Seymour	\$10,072,953	\$10,072,953	\$0
125	Sharon	\$145,798	\$145,798	\$0
126	Shelton	\$5,286,265	\$6,502,873	\$1,216,608
127	Sherman	\$244,327	\$244,327	\$0
128	Simsbury	\$5,633,072	\$6,251,768	\$618,696
129	Somers	\$6,024,473	\$6,024,473	\$0
130	Southbury	\$2,631,384	\$4,310,187	\$1,678,803
131	Southington	\$20,361,334	\$20,361,334	\$0
132	South Windsor	\$13,071,926	\$13,071,926	\$0
133	Sprague	\$2,641,208	\$2,641,208	\$0
134	Stafford	\$9,958,369	\$9,958,369	\$0
135	Stamford	\$10,605,319	\$10,605,319	\$0
136	Sterling	\$3,231,103	\$3,231,103	\$0

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137	Stonington	\$2,079,926	\$2,079,926	\$0
138	Stratford	\$21,391,105	\$21,391,105	\$0
139	Suffield	\$6,267,018	\$6,267,018	\$0
140	Thomaston	\$5,737,258	\$5,737,258	\$0
141	Thompson	\$7,682,218	\$7,682,218	\$0
142	Tolland	\$10,902,485	\$10,902,485	\$0
143	Torrington	\$24,565,539	\$24,565,539	\$0
144	Trumbull	\$3,310,992	\$3,750,194	\$439,202
145	Union	\$241,791	\$241,791	\$0
146	Vernon	\$19,650,126	\$19,650,126	\$0
147	Voluntown	\$2,550,166	\$2,550,166	\$0
148	Wallingford	\$21,769,831	\$21,769,831	\$0
149	Warren	\$99,777	\$99,777	\$0
150	Washington	\$240,147	\$240,147	\$0
151	Waterbury	\$132,732,623	\$132,732,623	\$0
152	Waterford	\$1,485,842	\$1,485,842	\$0
153	Watertown	\$11,951,602	\$11,951,602	\$0
154	Westbrook	\$427,677	\$427,677	\$0
155	West Hartford	\$18,181,174	\$21,471,608	\$3,290,434
156	West Haven	\$45,496,942	\$45,496,942	\$0
157	Weston	\$948,564	\$948,564	\$0
158	Westport	\$1,988,255	\$1,988,255	\$0
159	Wethersfield	\$8,518,846	\$9,611,693	\$1,092,847
160	Willington	\$3,718,418	\$3,718,418	\$0
161	Wilton	\$1,557,195	\$1,557,195	\$0
162	Winchester	\$8,187,980	\$8,187,980	\$0
163	Windham	\$26,753,954	\$26,753,954	\$0
164	Windsor	\$12,476,044	\$12,476,044	\$0
165	Windsor Locks	\$5,274,785	\$5,274,785	\$0
166	Wolcott	\$13,696,541	\$13,696,541	\$0
167	Woodbridge	\$732,889	\$732,889	\$0
168	Woodbury	\$942,926	\$1,674,527	\$731,601
169	Woodstock	\$5,463,651	\$5,463,651	\$0