



**TESTIMONY of the CT ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC  
SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS  
Before the Education Committee**

**IN OPPOSITION TO:**

**HB 7019, AN ACT CONCERNING THE MINIMUM BUDGET REQUIREMENT**

The CT Association of Public School Superintendents (CAPSS) is opposed to HB 7019, An Act Concerning the Minimum Budget Requirement, for the following reason.

The Act would allow municipalities to reduce local school district budgets by an amount per pupil of declining enrollment that is greater than a school district saves per pupil of declining enrollment. When a district has declining enrollment, the amount saved is nowhere near 50% of the per pupil expenditure of the district. In just about every case, the district will not be able to reduce staff and will not be able to close a school. The savings, then, amount to the less than \$500/student that districts spend each year on educational materials.

CAPSS, therefore, is convinced that enactment of the Act would result in school districts being allocated by local municipalities budgets that would not enable districts to continue even the level of present services to students much less implement educational improvements.