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The Education Committee
Legislative Office Building room 3100
Hartford, CT 06106-1591

Dear Education Committee,

My name is Pastor Brigitte Brown, and I reside at 15 Marmon Street New Britain, CT 06053. I am a mother of 5 children and a wife, Pastor; Social Worker; New Britain Police Commissioner; Community Organizer; member of the School Governance Council of New Britain High School and a member of the North-Oak Neighborhood Revitalization Zone. As you can see, I am very involved in my New Britain community and the surrounding cities.

The purpose of this letter is to ask you to support the passing of Raised S.B. No. 942 AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE GOVERNOR CONCERNING EDUCATION. I would add that you please consider increasing the amount, that is proposed to be allocated to our New Britain District. Our New Britain schools have struggled and still struggle with the current budget. The district has uniquely partnered with other community members in the community, for more support to offset some of the deficit that exists. I have children in both the regular education and one in the special education program; every bit of the money that the district has access too is necessary in the future of my children. I can't even begin to imagine the damage that will come out of all the cuts that our Governor is proposing to implement, if monies are not secured for our district. My family and I are committed to our school district, and we depend on the access that we have to the public education system that is available to our children. I have no interest in putting my children in private school, nor do I want to put them in a Magnet school, because they live in New Britain. My kids should make friends within their neighborhood and build our community along with the kids that live in our local neighborhood. I believe in the neighborhood school plan that exists in New Britain, and that plan was also a means of cutting the high budget that was being spent on transportation. Our district has been working hard to put the money where it belongs; in our New Britain children.

Please consider ALL of our New Britain children and not only support this bill, but consider increasing the funding for New Britain. Me and all of New Britain appreciate all your support. Thank you for your time and considering my request. I can be directly reached at 860-770-2495 or rhabri@yahoo.com

Sincerely,
Pastor Brigitte P. Brown, MSW