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**Written testament in SUPPORT of S.B. No 1055 AN ACT CONCERNING  
GIFTED AND TALENTED STUDENTS**

Dear Education Committee,

I Support S.B. No 1055 An ACT CONCERNING GIFTED AND TALENTED. Please help support the academic needs of ALL children.

I have a 6 year old twins who have an enormous love for learning and can grasp concepts well beyond their age. The gifted pull out and Challenge program in our district does not begin until the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. Due to that I see my usual energetic and constantly thinking children come home from first grade frustrated and tired from what they see as repetitive content. Luckily being at New Canaan that should hopefully change in 2 years when the gifted programming begins, but for many other children who have enormous potential they will be underserved in their schools throughout their education. How can we deny children who WANT to learn, proper and appropriate material to keep them engaged and happy at school?

**We don't ask children who can run fast in gym class to slow down for everyone else. Why are we asking bright students to learn at a slower pace?**

By not engaging and challenging our brightest students from an early age, we are stymying the advancement of our country's future scientists, educators, and leaders.

We are merely asking for a shift of current resources and **this bill will place no additional cost burden on the current budget.**

Lets make Connecticut a state where EVERY child can learn something new every day!!  
How can we say no to that???

Thank you,  
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