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Dear Education Committee,

We support S.B. No 1055 AN ACT CONCERNING GIFTED AND TALENTED.

We recently moved from Miami, FL. We picked Wilton School District for its good academic reputation. The disappointment has been overwhelming to say the least. Coming from the 4th largest district in the nation, Miami-Dade Public Schools, where my daughter was identified early by her teacher and tested by the district and offered an amazing Full Time Gifted education on a silver plate.

It is really sad to see how here in Connecticut you don't appreciate and nurture these children like other states do. If you look at the Nations Report Card, you will find that Florida has been working hard and it is catching up with you while Connecticut has been in cruising mode for the last 15 years. These children make up for the 3% of your student population. This is a minority group that is being neglected by the State of Connecticut.

I hope that you take into consideration that you have a moral obligation to offer every student the equal opportunity to develop their talents to their fullest potential. These kids can do great things for our communities and for our nation but ONLY if they are guided and nurtured early on in life. Please don't let their talent be wasted, especially when this bill places no additional cost burden on the state budget.

Sincerely,

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