

Testimony
Education Committee
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Bill 1096 AN ACT CONCERNING CHARTER SCHOOLS.

My name is Mary Burnham. I am a retired educator.

I am deeply troubled by the public funds being spent on charter schools that are NOT operated by local BOEs.

So I am thrilled that the changes to this Act will place a moratorium on the approval of new charter schools.

In CT, the charter school track record reeks of scandal. When CT funds charter schools owned and operated by corporations (be they non-profit or for-profit), they take funds away from CT public schools. If all the money CT has spent on charter schools, actually went to public schools, perhaps the education cost sharing grants (ECS) funding formula could increase for our most needy districts.

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