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Please accept this e-mail as my testimony IN SUPPORT of SB 1108: An Act Concerning Zero-Tolerance Safe School Environment.

Being the husband of an Elementary school teacher & educator, I support this bill. In the aftermath of the tragedy in Newtown, I have thought about the safety of not only my wife, but the safety of my elementary-aged children. I am positive that other parents have thought the same things about their loved ones. I have prayed for those that went through the worst nightmare of their lives. I understand that there have been threats made to schools to cause either fear, anxiety, annoyance, or harm since that tragic day. This is simply inexcusable behavior. I believe the penal law should be amended to reflect stiffer penalties for those who attempt to strike fear & cause inconvenience to teachers, students, parents, and administrators by calling in threats to our schools. If someone is caught & convicted of such a crime, the penalty should be stiff. We send our children to school to be in a safe, friendly, comfortable, and learning environment. Supporting this bill helps maintain that.

Thank you for your service.

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