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#### Testimony

### In Support Of S.B. 1108, An Act Concerning The Zero-Tolerance Safe School Environment Act Judiciary Committee March 20, 2015

Chairman Senator Coleman, Chairman Representative Tong, Ranking Member Senator Kissel, Ranking Member Representative Rebimbas, and distinguished members of the Judiciary Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of SB 1108, AN ACT CONCERNING THE ZERO-TOLERANCE SAFE SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT ACT.

I respectfully request the Committee's support for SB 1108 which would strengthen penalties for individuals threatening others in school settings. This bill's intent is to reduce the number of threats made against schools and students, which are disruptive to the students' education and safety, as well as parents' and staff's senses of security.

As a Representative of Newtown and Monroe, I can attest to the fear and panic that arises when threats are made and schools enter into lockdown mode. Passing SB 1108 will send a powerful message to those individuals who would seek to do further traumatize Connecticut's residents: threats against our schools, our students, our teachers, our communities, will not be tolerated.

Thank you and the Committee for this opportunity to submit testimony and for your consideration of SB 1108.

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