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**Testimony in Support of  
S.B. No. 318, 'An Act Concerning Private School Transportation'**

Before the Education Committee

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As a parent of a student at St. Cecilia elementary school, I support S.B. No. 318.

St. Cecilia is an important part of my family's life. It's a school where my child is thriving academically and socially because of the smaller environment provided and strong community rooted in shared values on education and conduct.

It's important for my family to be able to access Catholic Schools and have this choice available to all children, especially in light of declining demographics in our state and at/over capacity of public schools in Stamford.

As a working mom, access to bus transportation is critical for our family in order to have a reliable and timely mode of transportation from school.

It is crucial to keep our urban schools open and accessible to students whose schools have closed in neighboring towns.

For these reasons, I urge the committee to support S.B. No. 318.

Sincerely,

