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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 Mary School in Newington, CT, I support S.B. No. 318.

I strongly believe that education is the key to success in life and I specifically chose St. Mary school in Newington because I believe that education in a caring, nurturing and faith enriched environment not only produces educated children but ethically and morally responsible adults in the future.

I urge the senate to continue to make catholic schools available to any parent who wishes for their child to receive this type of education. Not only does this allow choice for parents but this also benefits the state and local municipalities, which otherwise would bear the cost of educating these students.

Additionally, bus transportation is of particular importance since many children who attend catholic schools are geographically diverse. In my particular case bus transportation has helped me to get to work on time so that I can help in supporting my family.

Please keep access to our schools alive and viable for all children by allowing state reimbursements for inter-district transportation for K-8 nonpublic schools.

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

Sincerely,



Clara Gaudet