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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. Marys School, I support S.B. No. 318.

because I care about providing my child with access to a quality education.

It is important to keep access to Catholic schools available to all children of any town because of the level of education provided, the helpfulness and kindness of the school staff, as well as the friendly and positive learning environment associated with such schools. Allowing more transportation to these schools will benefit many children who otherwise wouldn't have had the opportunity to attend a school such as St. Marys, and also adds diversity to the school.

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,

Fernando Reis