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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 Our Lady of Mercy School in Madison, CT*, I support S.B. No. 318.

*With the recent closing of many Catholic schools across Connecticut we really need your support. These children are learning to love you and serve you and your family. To feed the hungry and shelter the poor. To pray and not be afraid to show their faith so we all can have a better state and world to live in. Is that not enough to inspire money for bus rides? When someone pays taxes and their children do not use public space in those schools that money is still there. Please don't make our children suffer for something we already payed into.*

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.

I urge the committee to support S.B. No. 318.

Sincerely,

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