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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 the principal at Saint Joseph School in Meriden, a taxpayer in the State of Connecticut, and a parent that sent three children through a Catholic School, I support S.B. No. 318.

There is no school that works for every child and the Catholic Schools provide a quality education in almost always smaller classrooms at a significant savings to the taxpayers while at the same time at a significant cost to the parents.

As there are few Catholic Schools, it is important that parents have access to transportation to bring students safely to a school that works for them. Busses keep cars off of the already over-taxed roadways and efficiently bring our children to 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,

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