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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 future parent at St. Mary School, I support S.B. No. 318.

My mother has been a teacher there for over 17 years and thinks of it as her second family. I want to do everything to make sure of its continued success and, for that, the school needs to constantly increase its enrollment numbers.

I want to stress the importance of keeping and making access to Catholic Schools available to all children, especially in light of declining demographics in our state and recent school closures.

As a future parent at St. Mary School, I am concerned about the enrollment numbers and this bill would attract more students to the school.

I want to emphasize how allowing a reimbursement to towns that voluntarily provide inter-district transportation to elementary school students that live out of town will make our school more accessible.

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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