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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 Assistant to the Superintendent of Schools for the Diocese of Bridgeport, I support S.B. No. 318.

In many school districts in the State, parents do not have the flexibility to select a higher performing school for their children. For many reasons, especially in urban areas, under State of Connecticut standards, schools have been graded as failing schools. Inter-district busing, would enable a parent to have the option of sending their child to a better performing school. It might also emphasize to the failing school administration that, since parents now have options, they must improve the quality of the education at their school or risk closure.

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

Sincerely,

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