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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 at St. Mary's School in Simsbury, Connecticut, I support S.B. No. 318.

We feel that St. Mary's provides our daughter, Greta, with an education rooted in faith that develops her character while consistently challenging her academically. We feel strongly and urge you to respect the importance of keeping Catholic Schools available to all children in Connecticut, particularly in light of the falling demographics in our state and recent school closures.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Forneris', written in a cursive style.

Matthew J. Forneris