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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 St. Ann Academy, I support S.B. No. 318. Since our daughter has attended St. Ann her math scores has improved and she now volunteers during class discussions.

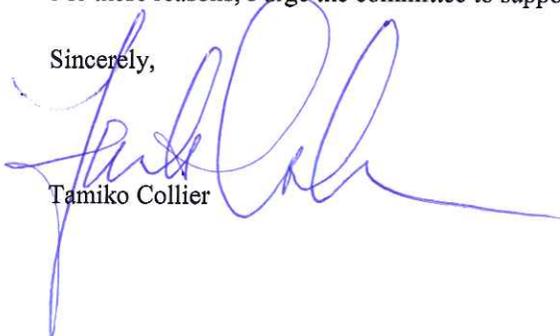
It is extremely important to have access to Catholic Schools available to all children, especially in light of declining demographics in our state and recent school closures.

Providing bus transportation allows our daughter to attend the school and a reimbursement to towns that voluntarily provide inter-district transportation to elementary school students that live out of town also helps St. Ann and others. It is crucial to keep our urban schools open and accessible to students whose schools have closed in neighboring towns. I'm not sure what we will do if there isn't enough support of S.B. No. 318.

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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