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Testimony of Laura Cordes, Executive Director Connecticut Alliance to End Sexual Violence (formerly CONNSACS) Education Committee

In support of SB319 An Act Concerning Notification to Schools of Protective or Restraining Orders Affecting Students

March 2, 2016

Good Afternoon Senator Slossberg, Representative Fleischmann, Senator Boucher, Representative Lavielle and members of the Education Committee. My name is Laura Cordes and I am the Executive Director of Connecticut Alliance to End Sexual Violence (formerly CONNSACS). The Alliance is the state's leading voice to end sexual violence. We are a coalition of nine community-based sexual assault crisis services programs, which provide free and confidential sexual assault crisis counseling and victim advocacy to thousands of women, men and children across Connecticut each year.

Certified sexual assault victim advocates provide hospital, police and court accompaniment, support groups, individual counseling, 24/7 hotline support, information and referrals to victims and survivors of sexual violence throughout the state, and prevention education and training programs to thousands of Connecticut residents each year. The Alliance also coordinates the Connecticut College Consortium Against Sexual Violence, a unique and dedicated network of representatives from both private and public colleges and universities who meet throughout the academic school year to exchange ideas and support each other in the work to improve responses to and prevention of sexual violence.

We are in support of SB319 An Act Concerning Notification to Schools of Protective or Restraining Orders Affecting Students.

The effects of sexual violence and domestic violence are not limited to the immediate parties involved in the violence. Family members, friends and others who are a part of a victim or survivor's life can be affected during the pursuit of or receipt of orders of protection such as protective orders and restraining orders. Connecticut law requires places of employment to make reasonable efforts to protect victims and survivors of violence when such situations are disclosed. Similarly, schools should be aware if a student may be affected by an order of protection so that they can uphold their responsibility to protect their students.

We urge passage of SB319.

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