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R.H.B 5362 An Act Concerning Transparency Regarding Tuition Costs Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee March 1st, 2016

Chairman Senator Bartolomeo, Chairman Representative Willis, Ranking Member Senator Witkos, Ranking Member Representative Betts, and distinguished members of the Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify and offer written testimony in support of RSB 5362 An Act Concerning Transparency Regarding Tuition Costs.

I would request that the Committee ensure that any tuition increase at our state universities and colleges be allocated exclusively towards student body expenditures. We are all well aware that the cost of education within Connecticut's University system is increasing and we need to make the appropriate adjustments to continue our fine tradition of educational excellence in Connecticut, however any increase to an already expensive tuition bill should be used solely for student enrichment. These increases should be earmarked for this specific purpose and purpose alone, rather than the increased revenues being used towards the administrative costs of the Universities. This money should be directly impacting the students' educations. Further, all expenditures should be transparent and open to the public.

I urge you to consider adding the above changes to RHB 5362 to protect the integrity and quality of a Connecticut State education. I will continue to make myself available to answer any questions you may have. Thank you again for this opportunity to testify and for the great work this Committee has accomplished.

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