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**SUPPORT – SB-236 - AN ACT EXTENDING THE SCHOOL SECURITY
INFRASTRUCTURE COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM.**

The Connecticut Council of Small Towns (COST) represents more than 110 small towns throughout Connecticut.

COST supports SB-236 which will extend the school security infrastructure grant program from June 30, 2016, to June 30, 2017.

This grant program has been a successful tool in assisting towns in improving security infrastructure in schools to help keep our children and school employees safe.

COST is an advocacy organization committed to giving small towns a strong voice in the legislative process. Its members are Connecticut towns with populations of less than 30,000. COST champions the major policy needs and concerns of Connecticut's suburban and rural towns.

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