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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 236

Good Morning Co-Chairs Senator Larson, Representative Dargan; Ranking Members Senator Guglielmo, Representative Zupkus; and esteemed members of the Committee.

My name is Tami Zawistowski and I represent the 61st District which includes Suffield, East Granby, and Windsor. Thank you for the opportunity to appear before you and speak on S.B. 236.

SB 236 – An Act Extending the School Security Infrastructure Competitive Grant Program.

I am requesting your support for S.B. 236, which will extend the time period to award a school security grant from June 30, 2016 to June 30, 2017.

Public safety is one of our most important priorities that we have as state legislators, and the safety of our schools is right at the top of that list.

The competitive grant program established in 2013 set standards for school safety and provided funds for school systems that complied with its requirements. While many of our school systems have participated in this program, some need additional time to complete this work past the June 30, 2016 deadline since it is difficult to perform necessary work while school is in session.

I ask that you consider this request favorably and provide the extra time some of our schools may need to complete this important work.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.

Sincerely,

Representative Tami Zawistowski
61st District – Suffield, East Granby, Windsor