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**Testimony  
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the Veterans' Affairs Committee  
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**SB 199 AN ACT CONCERNING THE OBSERVANCE OF VETERANS' DAY**

The Connecticut Association of Boards of Education opposes SB 199, An Act Concerning the Observance of Veterans' Day. CABE's opposition on the prohibition on having the students present on Veteran's Day in schools is because there ARE meaningful assemblies and student led events to understand the responsibilities and sacrifices of Connecticut's veteran's.

Milford surveyed its veteran's and they overwhelming wanted to be in the classrooms. Some 200 veterans are now a part of the events every year on Veteran's Day.

A lack of civic understanding and participation on Veteran's Day can best be met by being In schools with the Veterans. Prohibiting school from being in session will not lead to greater student appreciation of Connecticut's veterans, having them work WITH THEM on a school project will.

Thank you for your consideration on this issue.