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**Commission on Children**

**Testimony before the Education Committee on Raised H.B. 5308 and H.B. 5306  
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Senator Slossberg, Representative Fleischmann, Ranking Members and Members of the Education Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on these proposals before you. My name is Steven Hernández. I am the Director of Public Policy and Research of the CT Commission on Children and I am here today to speak in favor of:

- H.B. No. 5308 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING A GENERAL EDUCATION MULTITIERED SYSTEM OF INSTRUCTION AND SUPPORTS.
- H.B. No. 5306 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE OFFICE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD.

**H.B. No. 5308 (Raised) An Act Concerning A General Education Multitiered System Of Instruction And Supports**

The Commission on Children supports SDE's review and revision of the 2008 version of the department's framework for response to intervention entitled "Using Scientific Research-Based Interventions: Improving Education for All Students.

Bills can guide and they can teach, and your bill teaches us that building and promoting positive school climate and culture is a cornerstone to learning. We also know that effectively tiered interventions and supports rely as much on the schoolwide tier one systems as they do on tier 2 and 3 interventions for children and youth at risk. Tier one supports that include standards, social and emotional

become NAEYC accredited. Not all early care is the same. The research informs us that good early care helps children.

NAEYC is a strong quality control measure in early childhood. Connecticut has the third largest number of NAEYC accredited child care centers in the nation. This is due to the accreditation project.

Thank you for your time.