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**Testimony in Support of
S.B. No. 318, 'An Act Concerning Private School Transportation'**

Before the Education Committee

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As parents of our fourth grade son at St. Michael's School in Pawcatuck, CT, I support S.B. No. 318.

St. Michael's is a small, caring community of devoted educators and learners with high academic, human and citizenship standards. It welcomes a diverse population and makes all children feel at home, so that deep learning is possible in a safe and comfortable environment. It is very important to us to have transportation access to the school, just as our public school neighbors have to their schools.

Please keep access to our schools alive and viable for all children by allowing state reimbursements for inter-district transportation for K-8 nonpublic schools.

For these reasons, I urge the committee to support S.B. No. 318.

Sincerely,

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