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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 a *parents of Emilie, who is a 4th grade student*, at St. Mary School of Branford, WE support S.B. No. 318.

St. Mary School has been an integral part of healing for our child who experienced great stress in the public school system. She is an “A” student who is basking the rich environment of faith, love and respect that a Catholic education provides. This school has brought her back to her early school years at Shoreline School of Montessori which was a time of joy and safety in a stellar educational setting. She is happy and secure!

Please stress the importance of keeping and making access to Catholic Schools available to all children, especially in light of declining demographics in our state and recent school closures.

If we were to loose bussed transportation to school we would have no way to get her to school because we both start work before 8am. As residents of the Town of Branford and State of Connecticut we pay taxes, and tuition, without complaint and need our child to have transportation to school.

For these reasons, we urge the committee to support S.B. No. 318, and thank you for all that you do in service of the State of Connecticut!

Sincerely,

Evelyn Robitaille-Agamie and Richard Agamie