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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 a students at Saint Paul School, I support S.B. No. 318.

Last year our children were impacted by the closing of St. Stanislaus School in Meriden. We choose to send our children to St. Paul in Kensington because we felt that their curriculum, facility, teachers, and administration was truly the right fit for our children. Even though, in making the decision we knew we would not have transportation we whole heartedly knew we were making the right decision because the Catholic schools in Meriden did not meet our family’s needs and we wanted to keep our children in a Catholic School.

By making transportation available across city boarders, it will provide families with more choices for their children’s education especially those that have been faced with Catholic School closures.

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,

William & Christine Aitken