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My name is Judy Goldberg, Vice President of Government Relations for the Connecticut Parent Teacher Association. The Connecticut Parent Teacher Association (PTA) and its over 38,000 members is submitting this written testimony in support of Afterschool Programs.

Afterschool programs are an important part of Connecticut’s overall child care system. CT PTA supports further funding and development of afterschool programs in our state. These programs give our children a sense of belonging and an opportunity to socialize with their classmates. While in these programs our children are in a safe and supportive environment. Most afterschool programs provide academic support for homework, which is welcome for many students in unstable home situations.

As is the case more often, for parents who have to work beyond the hours of school, these programs provide a safe and supportive environment for their children to continue learning and socialize. Others who may need to continue their socialization skills beyond school, utilize the programs offered in afterschool to learn beyond the classroom.

The CT PTA believes these are valuable programs within our communities and we strongly advocate for continuation of funding and increase in available programs.

About Connecticut PTA

Connecticut PTA comprises over 38,000 members consisting of families, students, teachers, administrators, and business and community leaders devoted to the educational success of children and the promotion of parent involvement in schools and well-being of children. PTA is a registered 501(c) (3) nonprofit association that prides itself on being a powerful voice for all children, a relevant
resource for families and communities, and a strong advocate for public education, children’s health and child welfare. Membership in PTA is open to anyone who wants to be involved and make a difference for the education, health and welfare of children and youth.