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SUPPORT for House Bill 7148
AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE BUDGET

To: The Hon. Catherine A. Osten, Co-Chair, The Hon. Toni E. Walker, Co-Chair, The Hon. Joan V. Hartley, Michael A. DiMassa, Vice Chair, Vice Chair, The Hon Maria P. Horn, Vice Chair, The Hon. Paul M. Formica, Ranking Member, The Hon. Gail Lavielle, Ranking Member and the members of the Appropriations Committee

This email serves as testimony regarding HB148. I request that the committee recommend an increase in funding for the New Haven Public Schools. NHPS has suffered the hemorrhaging of critical frontline staff including librarians and guidance counselors, has limited arts instruction, and has not had to funds to reduce class size to levels that optimally facilitate learning. Middle and working class homeowners are taxed to the breaking point, and must better meet the needs of children in special education, learning the English language, living in poverty, and those who experience trauma.

Thank you,

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