



# City of Milford, Connecticut

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**Testimony to the Planning and Development RE: S.B. 361**  
**" An Act Concerning a Municipal Option to Establish a Property Tax Credit for Donations to Promise or Similar Scholarship Programs Established by the Municipality."**  
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On behalf of the City of Milford, thank you for allowing me this opportunity to provide comments regarding **SB 361** – An Act Concerning a Municipal Option to Establish a Property Tax Credit for Donations to Promise or Similar Scholarship Programs Established by the Municipality - and to offer support for SB 361.

All too often, Connecticut students must take on crippling debt in order to fulfill the dream of a post-secondary education. While scholarships are sometimes available, only a small percentage of college costs are generally covered through these grants. Promise Programs, developed through public/private partnerships, provide opportunities that make college a reality by helping good students better afford the high costs of tuition. Given that Promise Programs often rely on private donations, local incentives like those proposed by SB 361, lay the groundwork necessary for funding and sustaining endowments critical to success.

Thank you for considering a program that will help ensure continued access to high-quality post secondary education for future generations.