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Testimony Submitted By State Representative Geraldo Reyes

SB 738 AN ACT CONCERNING THE CREATION OF REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Good morning Representative Robert Sanchez, Senator Douglas McCrory, Representative Kathleen McCarty, Senator Eric Berthel, and esteemed members of the Education Committee:

My name is Geraldo Reyes and I represent the 75th District in Waterbury. I speak today in support of SB 738 regionalizing school districts.

Cities like Waterbury have long suffered from the lack of school district regionalization in our state. As various individual school districts with low population counts continue to receive individual allotments of ECS funding, our cities, especially Waterbury, remain incredibly underserved by the state on a funding level. Consolidating our less populated towns into districts would enable the state to better gauge the educational needs of these districts and more fairly allocate the limited amount of funding that is available for education.

This legislation would not unfairly disadvantage any new districts, but would ensure that educational funding distribution is more evenly distributed for those districts that are in need.

Thank you for your consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Geraldo C. Reyes Jr." in a cursive script.

Geraldo Reyes