Hello,
I am a parent of two high school children and am writing in support of the act concerning Comprehensive School Counseling programs. My children have both received a solid academic foundation, but have also been positively impacted by their school counselors. I am also a school counselor at The Gilbert School in Winsted and see the importance of our counseling program. We work with students 1:1 and in small groups to support and inform them about not only about their course selection, but also about making the best possible choices they make, whether it be personal, social or career related.

As you know, many families are struggling to manage their responsibilities and raise their children successfully. School Counselors work closely with students to show them options, possibilities and opportunities they may never have thought of without our comprehensive guidance program. We provide much needed support as they navigate a complicated world and we intervene when they are falling behind or engaging in risky behavior. Believe me, the more responsible, educated and trained "eyes on" our youth, the better off all of us will be.

Please support SB 956, because counselors are an invaluable resource to families and their children, both in school and beyond.

Thank you,
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