

Testimony of

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**HB 6187 AN ACT CONCERNING THE RESTRUCTURING OF CERTAIN TAXES AND TAX EQUITY
SB 821 AN ACT CONCERNING THE REFORMATION OF CERTAIN TAXES AND TAX EQUITY**

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Dear Senator Fonfara, Representative Scanlon, Senator Martin, Representative Cheeseman, and the distinguished members of the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee. My name is Lisa Cordova I live in Glastonbury. I am a teacher for CREC and a member of the Recovery for All coalition. I am testifying in strong support of HB 6187 and SB 821.

This year I was tasked with the position being a remote teacher. This platform of teaching gave me a unique opportunity to get a glimpse into homes and see how the pandemic has affected my students' families. It was shown how this year has highlighted the glaring inequities between students. Some of my students have adequate space, materials and support which has led to a successful year of learning. While others struggle since parents do not have the means to give their students what they need. I have also witnessed the embarrassment in the parent's eyes as they explained why their student wasn't able to log in, complete work, etc. They need to work 2 or 3 jobs just to put food on the table and pay bills. They desperately WANT to have the luxury of time so they can support our littlest learners. No parent should be put in this position. They are working so hard to survive, they are exhausted! Everyone deserves the right to the tools for success. Let us make sure that everyone is on a leveled playing field!

We have an unprecedented opportunity to create a brighter future by reducing economic and racial inequality and setting our state on a path to being a role model for other states by restoring fairness to our tax code, I urge the Committee to have the courage to make the right choice and pass HB 6187 and SB 821. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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