TESTIMONY OF
THE CONNECTICUT PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION (PTA)

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Proposed Bill Number 5553 – AN ACT REQUIRING AUTOMATIC PUMP SHUT-OFF SYSTEMS ON SWIMMING POOLS.

My name is Judy Goldberg, Vice President of Government Relations for the Connecticut Parent Teacher Association. The Connecticut Parent Teacher Association (PTA) and its over 38,000 members is submitting this written testimony in support of Proposed Bill 5553.

PTA supports this initiative that requires installation of automatic pump shut-off systems on new swimming pools and those undergoing pump replacement.

CT PTA is concerned with the safety of children in our schools and community. The device will disable pump suction in the event it detects an entrapment. Children can get body parts or their hair entrapped in pool drains due to the suction.

About Connecticut PTA

Connecticut PTA comprises over 38,000 members consisting of families, students, teachers, administrators, and business and community leaders devoted to the educational success of children and the promotion of parent involvement in schools and well-being of children. PTA is a registered 501(c) (3) nonprofit association that prides itself on being a powerful voice for all children, a relevant resource for families and communities, and a strong advocate for public education, children’s health and child welfare. Membership in PTA is open to anyone who wants to be involved and make a difference for the education, health and welfare of children and youth.