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 SB 360.

The PTA supports the forming of a task force to study best practices regarding response to intervention. **The PTA is requesting an appointment in Section 1(b)(8) of a representative designated by a Special Education Parent-Teacher Association in the state.**

The PTA has a Constitution Statewide SEPTA and local SEPTAs in districts throughout Connecticut that support, strengthen and promote the welfare of children with special needs and promote an understanding of special education to enrich the lives of children with special needs.

**About Connecticut Special Education Parent Teacher Association:**

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 including special 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.