My name is Kathleen Kennedy and I am the President of CT PTA. As the largest and oldest volunteer child advocacy association in the state, with over 40,000 members, Connecticut Parent Teacher Association (CT PTA) provides parents and families with a powerful voice to speak on behalf of every child. We wish to testify on the following bills.

**SB376 AN ACT CONCERNING STATE FUNDING FOR EDUCATION**

The current system of funding education is not achieving the goal of providing equal educational opportunity for all of children which is one of the cornerstone principles of our association. We are also concerned about the unpredictability of special education funding. CT PTA stands ready to assist in solving this important issue.

**SB378 AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS TASK FORCE**

CT PTA served on the Ad Hoc Committee on Secondary School Improvement. We support the changes being made in this legislation. We would also like to see