

Appropriations Committee Meeting  
SUPPORT: Executive Budget Charter School Per Pupil Increase  
Tuesday, March 9, 2021

Dear Member of the Appropriations Committee,

My best wishes for a good year to you and your family.

My name is Kely Ana Peguero, I am originally from the Dominican Republic, now a resident of Bridgeport where I live with my husband and four children. My sons attend John Winthrop Elementary School and my daughter who is a college student attends Fairfield University.

I am a dentist, but like many who have immigrated to this country there is no real pathway for me to practice dentistry in the States unless I go through all the schooling again. I had to shift my professional aspirations and worked in dental offices as a manager. Now I am a business owner focused on providing my kids with opportunities and teaching them to work hard for what they want.

Today I write to you to ask for your support as we unite with parents all over Connecticut to demand education equity for all students in our state.

I ask that we end the inequitable funding for charter school students. In addition, that public school funding be student focused, equitable regardless of race, class, zip code or type of school they attend. Finally I ask that you help us secure the funding for Danbury prospect to open and for Stamford Excellence to secure its middle school grades.

I am a strong proponent of parent choice in education, I like many parents in communities such as Bridgeport will take full advantage of quality educational options, like our public charter schools.

There is no time like the present to fight for children who for decades have been marginalized. This horrible virus has magnified the needs, but they have always existed.

I'm counting on your support, please let me know if you have any questions. I would love the opportunity to speak with you. I hope you will join us at some point soon, as we convene with other supporters to move our work forward.

Best regards,  
Kely Ana Peguero



