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Senator Andrea Stillman, Co-Chair  
Representative Andrew Fleischmann, Co-Chair  
Education Committee  
Legislative Office Building Room 3100  
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Senator Stillman and Representative Fleischmann,

Like me and many other legislators, you have probably been contacted by teachers and administrators from across the state – expressing serious concerns with the implementation of Common Core, especially as it relates to teacher evaluation. They are equally dismayed by the lack of response, guidance, and support from the legislature and other officials.

On Monday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, the Education Committee raised 23 bills for public hearings and potential action by the legislature. I was disappointed to learn that not a single one of these bill concepts included legislation concerning Common Core or teacher evaluations. It is also my understanding that you plan to hold a more restrictive "Informational Forum" with only invited speakers, as opposed to a full public hearing on these two topics.

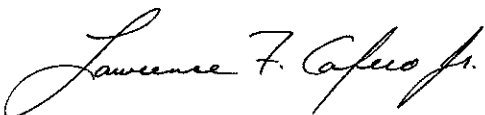
This is exactly why teachers, administrators, parents, and their children find themselves in the situation they are in now: Common Core was adopted outside of the legislative process, which meant that too many voices were left out of the debate. I am concerned that inaction by the Education Committee means we continue to leave people out of the conversation and continue to do damage to our entire education community.

Therefore, I urge you as leaders of the Education Committee to raise the concept put forth by our caucus (or another similar bill), and to hold a full public hearing, not simply an informational

forum, on both Common Core, and teacher evaluations. Our bill proposal would put into law important changes adopted by the Performance Evaluation and Assessment Committee.

Thank you for your time and attention to this pressing matter, and I look forward to speaking with you soon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lawrence F. Cafero Jr.".

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