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Before the Committee on Children

**S.B. No. 891 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE FAILURE TO REPORT
SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT**

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Good afternoon Senator Abrams and Representative Linehan and distinguished members of the Committee on Children. My name is Ray Rossomando, Director of Policy, Research, and Government Relations for the Connecticut Education Association (CEA) the states' largest teacher's union made up of both active and retired teachers.

CEA supports provisions ensuring the reports of abuse get reported in a timely manner and the intent of SB 891. However, we do want to draw your attention to a potential unintended consequence that should be addressed. Revisions in the bill appear to create the potential for teachers who are late in reporting, by say a few hours, to face penalties, such as loss of their job, intended for more severe violations.

We ask that you consider this concern and potential language changes to address it.

Thank you.