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Testimony of  
**Joslyn DeLancey, Vice President**  
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Before the

**Finance Committee**

Re:

**SB 921 AA IMPOSING A TAX ON SUGAR-SWEETENED BEVERAGES AND DEDICATING THE  
REVENUE GENERATED TO FUND SCHOOL BREAKFAST AND LUNCH PROGRAMS**

**February 26, 2025**

Good afternoon, Representative Horn, Senator Fonfara, Representative Polletta, Senator Fazio and distinguished members of the Finance Committee

My name is Joslyn DeLancey, and I am the vice president of the Connecticut Education Association (CEA), the state's largest association of certified public school teachers, representing over 40,000 active, retired, and aspiring educators across Connecticut. CEA works to improve the lives of our teachers, the success of our students, and the quality of public education in our state.

CEA supports SB 921.

Educators believe that proper nutrition is essential to student success. We recognize that nutrition is instrumental in promoting children's brain development and ensuring students are prepared for learning each day. We commend Sen. Winfield for proposing SB 921, which is an innovative approach to reduce sugary beverages sold in schools and to fund better nutrition for students.

We ask committee members to support SB 921.