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Dear Legislators,

Hi, I'm Aliza Gans, and I'm a junior at the ACES Educational Center for the Arts (ECA). I'm here in support of bill 6666, and I urge you to allow my teachers at my part-time arts magnet high school, ECA, to continue to teach with an adjunct instructor certificate.

I come to ECA because it is not English class. The assignments I write in English class, I write to get a good grade. However, here at ECA, I know my writing is viewed with a different set of eyes. The talented writing teachers here understand the process needed to craft an award-winning memoir, piece of fiction, screenplay, or poem. If it weren't for the supportive guidance of the writing department teachers, I don't think my humor pieces could have won two Scholastic Gold Key Awards this year.

It's comforting to know, as I write my weekly writing assignments, that my teachers are writing and revising their own work as well. Our teachers bring their writing wisdom to workshops every class. Since our teachers are also accomplished writers, I value their writing comments, and appreciate the individual attention they give to each piece I write. I view my writing teachers as role models. They have been vital to my development as a young writer, and their words will, without a doubt, carry me through my future writing career.

I hope to be able to continue to work with them, which adjunct instructor certificates would make possible.

Thank you for your consideration.

Aliza Gans