

Friis, John

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To: Friis, John
Cc: Jaya Vijayasekar
Subject: Testimony in support of bill 945

Dear Mr. Friis,

Please include my testimony with today's proceedings concerning proposed bill 945.

With sincere thanks,
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Dear Senator Gaffey, Representative Fleischmann and members of the Education Committee:

My name is MaryLouise Ennis. I am Vice President and Webmaster of the Connecticut Chapter of the American Association of Teachers of French (AATF). I also represent AATF on the Board of Directors of the Connecticut Council of Language Teachers.

I urge you to reinstate the Foreign Language High School Graduation Requirement.

How can the world's conflicts be solved when we communicate not through words of understanding but through actions of ignorance?

From stabilizing a global market to averting global war, knowledge of and communication in foreign cultures is vital to the world's survival.

Other countries have long benefitted from the wisdom of foreign language education.

Isn't it about time that the United States were similarly "engaged" in the world?

I urge you to support proposed bill 945.

For the future of our children.

For the future of our world.

Thank you.