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Subject: HB6666, Section 5

For whom it may concern,

I am writing to strongly advocate for Section 5 of House Bill HB6666, which will allow for adjunct faculty certificates to be issued to the highly-trained professional artists, who serve as ECA's part-time faculty, to continue their 35-year record of preparing Connecticut's high school students for our competitive global economy. If they are required to become certified for 12-hour per week part-time positions, they will not be able to do so and the school will close. This will be a terrible loss to Connecticut's high school students in 19 school districts.

My name is Ben and I have been an ACES ECA student, playing trumpet in the music department, for 2 and a half years. In that time I've learned things like how to act in the elective "intro to acting", constructing an A half diminished cord, or how to blend in with the rest of the orchestra even though my instrument is loud. Those facts I will carry and Cherish for the rest of my life. Many of those things I can apply later in life. Without the knowledge I have obtained from ECA I would not have grown to love my instrument or understand music the way I do today, without ECA I would not get into the colleges I want to, and most importantly I would be missing a big chunk of the family I have. That above all I loved about ECA. The teachers and students create a very at ease setting while still working you hard. You learn that one can get an education while still feeling close to both the students and teachers. Do you remember when you thought your teacher used to sleep in the school and has been there since the beginning of time? ECA turns my life into color. I can finally pay much closer attention since I feel the enthusiasm in the air and the bright learning environment. Each class is enjoyable yet knowledgeable. The teachers helpful and willing to take time out of there days to help you. Some even send emails reminding students of assignments and attaching handouts. ECA has given so much to children wanting to make a future for themselves and give something to the world and gotten nothing but threats of being shut down or financial cuts. I'm writing this because I love my school and I never want to see it go. In my life time or after.

By, Ben Zaretskiy

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