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**Connecticut General Assembly
Education Committee**

**Testimony of David C. Eustice, PhD in favor of H.B. 6666:
An Act Concerning Teacher Certificate**

Good afternoon. Thank you for this opportunity to speak before you today in favor of House Bill 6666, an Act Concerning Teacher Certification requirements. My name is David Eustice, PhD and I am the Executive Director of the Greenwich Science Center. I have been working with Greenwich schools and schools (Stamford-AITE) in other surrounding communities to promote science and math education. My professional career includes a wealth of experience in a broad range of scientific fields including biochemistry, biology, drug research, and cutting-edge technology. I am now at a point in my career where I am actively seeking to become a math or science teacher in a Connecticut public school, and this bill's provision allowing people like me to test out of the requirement of having 30 college credits in a particular subject area in order to become certified would greatly facilitate my doing so.

Having earned my PhD in Biology from the State University of New York (SUNY) at Binghamton in 1980 I continued with his Post-Doctoral fellowships at Dartmouth Medical School in Pharmacology and Toxicology, and at the University of Rochester. I worked for pharmaceutical industries for over 23 years at the cutting edge of scientific research.

While at Bayer Corp., I was an annual participant in the Science Makes Sense program sponsored by Bayer Corp., which educated and stimulated young minds in science and I was also a New Haven Science Fair judge.

