

**Friis, John**

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**From:** Sullivan, Heike (Phila) [SullivanH@ballardspahr.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 16, 2009 9:28 AM  
**To:** Friis, John

Dear Representative Fleischmann, Senator Gaffey, and members of the Education Committee,

I am writing to strongly advocate for Sec.5 of House Bill H6666, 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 10-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.

Though I wound up a lawyer not a practising artist -- the faculty and staff at ECA provided me top notch artistic training -- and better still -- a real life practical education. There are some positions the don't require formal certification the ECA is one such place. They were real artists who blessed us by sharing their knowledge. They don't need to be certified educators to provides this invaluable gift.

Heike Sullivan

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