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From: Isaac Shub [shubster91@yahoo.com]
Sent: Sunday, March 15, 2009 11:36 PM
To: Friis, John
Subject: HB6666, Section 5

To 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.

ACES Educational Center for the Arts has been a guiding force throughout my high school career, providing me with a venue wherein I can express a side of myself I don't feel comfortable revealing in my sending school. I've also witnessed other students at ECA open up in an organic and natural way I know wouldn't be possible at normal high schools. Through my studies in the theatre department, ECA has taught me a great deal about who I am and about what my role is in telling a story through theatre. ECA allows for safe development of unconventional thoughts, ideas, and personalities. It has been a wonderful place for me. Through it I have learned much about people and about the value and place for art in today's changing world.

Sincerely,

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