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Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2009 5:28 PM
To: Friis, John
Subject: Sec.5 of House Bill H6666

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.

ECA made an important difference for me in my life. It is thanks to the ECA staff that I got to University and into my first career. I am very grateful for the role ECA plays for its students and hope for it to be funded and supported as much as possible, as the institution builds the economic prosperity of the next generation while contributing to a richer social fabric and cultural awareness.

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