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I am writing in support of House Bill number 6666, concerning teacher certification in the State of Connecticut.

As a parent of two boys who have been lucky enough to attend schools in Woodbridge's school system for the past decade, I am a strong proponent of the public school system in Connecticut. However, I know there are barriers to all of our students receiving the best possible education and some of the key barriers would be addressed by the passage of this bill, including certification requirements for otherwise qualified teachers, which has resulted in a shortage of teachers in various subjects and the current inability of teachers with certification in other states to teach here.
I am also writing in support of new wording in the bill which would allow for permits for teachers in ECA in New Haven, an extraordinary arts High School, whose faculty is largely made up of part-time professional artists and which is one of the beacons for artistic students in the area.

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