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From: Joseph McWilliams [jamcpiano@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Sunday, March 15, 2009 11:51 AM
To: Friis, John
Subject: ECA in New Haven

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.

Therefore, I feel it's important that we don't separate the these important artists/teachers from their mission. I feel that to do so would be a slap in the face to the community, as well as turning our backs to these contributions that have come to us WITHOUT THE STATE'S INTERFERENCE IN THE ARTS TO REGULATE SOMETHING THAT SHOULD BE REGULATED BY THE COMMUNITY ITSELF!

Most Sincerely,

Joe McWilliams (piano teacher/performance artist)]