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**From:** Jon Fay [jonathan.fay@gmail.com]  
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**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 Education Center for the Arts 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.

As an alum of ECA, I look back on my education there as incredibly valuable. It has helped me in countless ways to round out my public school high school education in Connecticut, and it was those same part-time educators who provided much of that education. I am a strong supporter of adjunct-faculty certificates, and strongly urge you to consider this proposal.

Sincerely,

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