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Sent: Sunday, March 15, 2009 5:43 PM
To: Friis, John
Subject: HB6666, Section 5

Dear General Assembly,

Hello! 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.

I am currently a student at SUNY Purchase's conservatory of music and am majoring in Jazz studies, class of 2011. I attended ECA for three of my four high school years, and had it not been for the education I received at ECA by teachers without any state certification I would not have had either the knowledge or the opportunities to get to where I am today. Just the fact that I had professionals from the field teaching my classes and showing me what would be actually needed in the outside world was something truly invaluable. It is teaching from real world experience that makes the difference, not teaching from a music ed. degree. To force the faculty to get the certification needed, many of whom probably don't have the time to get something like that, would be in the end selling the students of ECA short.

Please pass this resolution to ensure that the students here get what they deserve and need to be successful in their fields of study! Thank you.

Regards, Martin Peters

P.S. Sorry if you already received this, I was sending it again with the correct subject line.