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Subject: Support for HB6666 Section 5

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 a current ECA student in my senior year of high school. Because I moved to a new town that offered ECA very shortly before my junior year, I didn't get a chance to attend up until twelfth grade. To be honest, this is the best year ever for me academically. ECA has helped me with so many things, including art, social skills, and a brilliant education brought on by some of the best teachers I have ever met. These teachers are extremely brilliant and talented people that I can safely say have made more of a difference in my life than those at any other learning facility. They are eager to help students grasp the concept of art and realize what they can do with their talent and passion for art. Art is the most beautiful part of life; it is everywhere, and everyone should understand it. I am planning on attending Paier College of Art in fall of 2009, and I strongly believe that ECA is what brought me back to my original plan of attending an art school, which has always been my life. Please consider, sir, because it is such a source of brilliant education, creativity, friendliness, inspiration and genuine goodness, and it is the most beautiful thing that has ever happened to me. I would love to work there one day, and to help people the same way, and to watch people build up their creativity and show themselves for who they are one day. Educational Center for the Arts truly is a dream come true for artists like myself, and seeing it suffer would be an end to so much of Connecticut's beauty and New Haven's artistic heart.