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Subject: 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 have developed close friendships with the teachers at ECA and I know I'll never forget them. I look up to them. They are not average high school teachers; they are artists. They commit themselves to teaching us everything they know and I have grown to love them. being certified won't make them better teachers. These teachers are incredible; they love their jobs, they are professional artists, they love their students, and that should be enough for us as young artists. In these six months as a freshman at ECA, I've learned history of theater, stage combat, dramatic writing, the audition experience, and I am currently working on A Midsummer Night's Dream by William Shakespeare. I've met so many wonderful people who have given me some of the best experiences of my life already and we want to keep them the way they are.