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Re: Bill #945 World Language Requirement

My name is Mary Connelly Pereira. I am a teacher of French and Spanish in Litchfield, Connecticut. I am a long time member of CT Council of Language Teachers and served on its board for two terms as the Northwest CT Representative and one term as the recording secretary. I am also a member of the American Association Teachers of French, the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese, and NNELL (early language learning).

I urge the passage of Bill #945 World Language Requirement. Connecticut students need World Language. Knowing another language is a powerful tool in our competitive world. Knowing another language improves students' knowledge and use of their own language and opens the door to understanding other peoples and their cultures. World Language is an important means to achieving world peace.