

Monday, March 1, 2010

Dear Mr. Calabrese,

I, too, would like to add my voice in support of bill 279. As a specialist in German Studies and Intercultural Communication I cannot emphasize enough the need for language and culture knowledge in today's economy and for the 21st century. The skills embedded in intercultural competency (foreign language, culture knowledge, tolerance of ambiguity, risk taking, negotiation skills, transferability and much more) are what companies and employers interlinked with and dependent on a global market are desperately looking for. It is all educators' task to prepare our students for this reality and to help them thrive - for themselves, but also for us, and especially for Connecticut.

I would be happy to send more information on intercultural competency and I would like to invite you to attend an upcoming talk this Wednesday at the University of Connecticut:

<http://globalcitizenship.uconn.edu/documents/GCCC-event-Deardroff-Mar3-10-poster%5B1%5D.pdf>

Sincerely,
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