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To Whom It May Concern:

As a local small business owner I am concerned over the proposal in cuts in the community college budget. I am deeply connected to one particular community college in general, Quinebaug Valley Community College. QVCC has been instrumental in providing support to our company, Westminster Tool Inc. QVCC has not only provided professional development but also support with recruiting qualified new employees. Westminster Tool is one of the lucky small businesses that over the last several years has not only retained our workforce, but expanded. Hiring students that have attained their education at QVCC gives Westminster Tool the security that we are employing skilled, highly motivated individuals.

Budget cuts that are as severe as those proposed will directly affect student services, higher tuition costs and overall student retention and success. Northeast Connecticut already has a higher population of poverty and unemployment and cannot afford to negatively impact programs that are directly connected to individuals working towards improving their future.

Please give serious consideration to re-working the proposed budget cuts related to community colleges.



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