

My name is David Leonardo and I am writing to you in support of Senate Bill 305 an act concerning the inclusion of personal financial management in the public school curriculum. A little background on myself, I am a 24 years old and a recent graduate of the University of Connecticut. This past fall I ran for the board of education in the town of Wallingford, and one of my key issues was improving the personal finance knowledge of the students. I have witnessed to many of my peers that do not understand the most simple aspects of personal finance, like writing checks and balancing a checkbook. I believe that after the the recent financial crisis it is more important then ever for our students to be educated in personal finance. It is important that our future generations understand how to manage money and debt. If we do not do more to educate current students, then future generations will be susceptible to the same type of problems that we have witnessed in the last recession.

Thank you for your time

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