



Testimony in support of SB27, An Act Promoting the Pursuit of Education by Recipients of Assistance.

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Good afternoon Senator Slossberg, Representative Abercrombie, and distinguished committee members of the Human Services Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to offer this testimony.

My name is Rich Tarriff, I am the president of the Connecticut Association for Adult and Continuing Education (CAACE).

CAACE is the only Adult Education professional organization that advocates for adult education support and regulations. Our mission includes promoting and advancing local, state and national adult and continuing education.

As such, CAACE offers our support for SB27, An Act Promoting the Pursuit of Education by Recipient of Assistance.

Data tells us that people need more literary skills for better employment opportunities. Providing more education services to those without a high school diploma, or who have demonstrated deficiencies, is vitally important to their success.

Many people remain unemployed because they lack the academic skills to go into post secondary education without remediation through programs like Adult Education.

SB27 will provide more opportunity for people to improve themselves and their employment prospects, thereby improving their ability to provide for themselves and their families. A child whose parent has not attained a high school diploma is also likely to not attain a diploma. By helping more parents improve their education, SB27 will increase the likelihood that their children will do so as well.

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