



Sen. Stillman, Rep. Fleischmann and distinguished committee members of the Education Committee:

My name is Rich Tariff, 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.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer this testimony on **HB 6625 AN ACT CONCERNING THE GENERAL EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT TESTING PROGRAM.**

The provisions of this bill requiring that the testing service providing GED assessments share all data points with SDE have already been agreed to in a Personal Services Agreement by the GED Testing Service and is currently awaiting SDE approval. Therefore the intent of bill 6625 has already been met, and further legislation in this regard is not needed.

We thank the chairs for bringing the needs of adult learners to the forefront of the committee's attention today, and we hope that the legislature continues to affirm the current state financial support for GED testing going forward.

Thank you once again for the opportunity to offer this testimony, and please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions you might have.

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