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From: CrespoL [<mailto:crespol@newlondon.org>]
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To: Rep. Willis, Roberta
Subject: IBEST TRAINING

Please support the I-BEST training program at New London Adult Education. This training program offers students preparing to graduate with a high school diploma or learning English as a second language with a vocational skill that will assist them find employment at an entry level. Many of our students are unable to further their education due to family obligations and/or financial limitations. Through the IBEST program at New London Adult Education our students have been able to receive training in the following areas: Certified Nurse's Aide, Culinary Arts/Bartending, Auto technicians, Medical office receptionist, pharmacy technician, nail technicians, Emergency medical technicians and emergency medical responder training programs. These training programs were offered after discussing with the local labor department perspective job opportunities for folks seeking employment in this section of Southeastern Connecticut. It was projected by the labor department that opportunities for employment could be found in the medical and service industry. Fortunately through the discovery of this program our students are no longer just graduating with a high school diploma. They are leaving us with formal education and training needed to become contributing members of society. Please help us in supporting our efforts to change student's lives!

Sincerely,

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THE CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM.**