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Appropriations Committee Higher Education Sub-Committee, Board of Regents for Higher Education

Why REACT is important

My name is Kevin Zimmerman. I am returning to community college for the third time. I began my higher education late in life so that I could use my education to improve my quality of life and to pursue the profession of my choosing. My higher-learning has been broken into parts because life happens.

This latest installment for reaching my college-level education has been gifted to me partly because of the REACT program at Manchester Community College. The REACT program gives returning adults the opportunity to reach their goal of getting a college level education via training in English and math so improvements can be made to successfully pass placement tests. Without REACT this gifted opportunity is not attainable because of cost to these adults incur for schooling.

Many adults young and older come to the realization that a higher education will improve their quality of life. On their behalf I ask that you not cut funding to programs like the REACT program.

Thank you.