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Testimony in support of HB 6117

Dear Members of the Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee,

Thank you for this opportunity to testify. My name is Andre Bent and I am a student at UCONN. I am writing to support HB 6117: An Act Concerning the Use of Open-Source Textbooks in Higher Education.

Last semester was my first semester in college. I was excited for all the new things college offered and had. One thing that I was not excited for was the expensive textbooks. Entering college, almost all of my classes required purchasing a textbook. Along with paying the University tuition, I had to spend over 500 dollars on textbooks for all my classes. This semester, I was luckily able to save only 50 dollars as opposed to my first semester. Overall, I believe textbook prices should be greatly reduced and eventually be eliminated. The extra cost of books along with tuition is already causing millions of students to go into debt countrywide.

So, I urge all members of this committee to support HB 6117.

Once again, thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

Sincerely,
Andre Bent