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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 Christian Allyn and I am a student at UConn Storrs. I am writing to support HB 6117: An Act Concerning the Use of Open-Source Textbooks in Higher Education.

Like many fellow students I bear the brunt of high textbook costs but there is another issue with how textbooks are assigned at the UConn, professors assigning out of print textbooks. I am taking a class this semester which assigned an out of print textbook which is not available at the Co-op and the edition required for the class runs between \$489 and \$573 on amazon. Due to those extreme costs I have decided to not purchase the textbook at the expense of my academics.

It is my hope that HB 6117 becomes law so that future Connecticut higher education students do not have to scout for expensive and out of print textbooks at the expense of their academics.

**So, I urge all members of this committee to support HB 6117.
Once again, thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.**

**Sincerely,
Christian Allyn**