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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 Hannah Tripp and I am a student at the University of Connecticut. I am writing to support HB 6117: An Act Concerning the Use of Open-Source Textbooks in Higher Education.

Textbook prices are an incredible financial burden for college students. Typical financial aid packages do not extend to the cost of supplies like textbooks, which can add up to thousands of dollars throughout one's undergraduate career. I personally have had semesters in which my textbook costs rose above \$500. Since the ability to access material in the textbook is often crucial for students to truly excel in their coursework, I fully support the proposed measures to make textbooks accessible for all students.

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

**Sincerely,
Hannah Tripp**