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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 submit written testimony. My name is Stephanie Abadom and I am a student at the UConn Greater Hartford campus. I am writing to support HB 6117: An Act Concerning the Use of Open-Source Textbooks in Higher Education.

I know firsthand the burden of textbook costs. This semester, I felt lucky to only have spent \$185 on textbooks. But I also only spent under \$200 because I made the decision not to buy my two most expensive books, which would have cost me upwards of \$100 each. Unfortunately, I made that decision knowing that it could ultimately hurt me in my studies because I just didn't have the money to fully support the budget for all my assigned books. With open textbooks, which are free and easily available online, this would not be a problem that I or any student, would ever have to consider.

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

Sincerely,

Stephanie Abadom