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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 Thomas McGlone 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.

I found myself struggling to pay for textbooks this semester.

Just two purchases tell my story: my psychology textbook and my physics textbook. They were \$200. Each. As much as I tried to muster up my own money, and ask my parents for money for these books, it was simply unaffordable for me to buy both. So I had to compromise.

I'll be working without a psychology textbook this semester. I'm willing to bear the minor hit to my grade, because I would rather lose a few points on a three-credit course than pay \$200 for information that can be found on the Internet at any moment.

Needless to say, an open-source textbook program could make this situation avoidable.

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

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

Sincerely,

Thomas McGlone