



**Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee**

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**Testimony**

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Co-Chairs, Ranking Members, and Members of the Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee, thank you for allowing me to submit written testimony today on House Bill 6844, *An Act Concerning In-State Tuition Eligibility*.

The University of Connecticut supports this important legislation which increases access to Connecticut's public colleges and universities. House Bill 6844 allows more students who do not have federal immigration status to be eligible for in-state tuition at UConn, CSU or a Community College. The bill reduces the number of years, from 4 to 2, that students have to attend a Connecticut high school in order to be eligible for in-state tuition. The University looks forward to welcoming these additional students to our campuses should the legislation pass.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment and as always, thank you for your support of the University of Connecticut.