

Written Testimony HB 7254

My name is Barbara Connery, I live in Woodbury, Connecticut. I fully support HB 7254, An Act Requiring Special Education Teachers to complete a program of study in Evidence-Based Structural Literacy Interventions for Students with Dyslexia. This is my written testimony and I will not be testifying at the hearing.

I have been fortunate enough to have been trained in this approach and have seen significant progress with my intervention students. One student progressed from the 2nd percentile in growth as measured by the STAR assessment to the 99th percentile in growth in the course of two years. I also have shared this approach with several teachers in the state of Connecticut through workshops, and find teachers grateful for this information including phonemic awareness, decoding, syllabication, and morphology.

This legislation is essential to meet the needs of students with dyslexia while strengthening the teaching practices for all students.

Thank you.

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