

SB 1034 An Act Concerning Minority Teacher Recruitment And Retention

Dear Senator McCrory & Representative Sanchez,

My name is Anthony Freeman. I am from Hartford, Connecticut. I am a Central Connecticut State University Alumni. As a resident of Connecticut. I stand as an ally in support of SB 1034 An Act Concerning Minority Teacher Recruitment And Retention. I chose CREC Teacher Residency Program because the program is designed to increase the percentage of minority teachers within the community. This opportunity is important because it will allow me to be of assistance to the students in the classroom as if I was a teacher without a teaching certification. While assisting, I am also gaining the teaching experience that will be needed, upon completion of the program and certification requirement I will be guaranteed a full-time teaching position which will give me a career path and provide stability for me. One of the major reasons why I want to become apart of the CREC Teacher Residency Program is to become a representation for those minority students who are in the classroom so they can see someone that looks like them in that position to let them know that if they want a career in teaching, or become a doctor or lawyer that it is available to them and it is possible to achieve.

Attending High School in Stone Mountain, Georgia was definitely a culture shock for me because I have never seen that many people that look like me. It's been stated by many that minority students perform better in the classroom when having a minority teacher but I am speaking from experience, having minority teachers really help boost my self-confidence and

help encourage me to want to learn more and understand I could be whatever I wanted to be in this world. This opportunity made me want to see more people that look like me in my own classroom and I want them to be my students. Thank you for considering my testimony. I support SB 1034 An Act Concerning Minority Teacher Recruitment And Retention and hope the committee will vote favorably.

Thank you for your time,

Anthony Freeman