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Good Afternoon. My name is Jessica Battaglia and I am an assistant principal in Danbury. I am very strongly opposed to the State Dept. of Education certification changes. I feel that teachers should be "grandfathered in" and you should mandate the changes as new requirements for certification. I also feel that in these tough financial times due to state revenue shortages, district budget constraints, teacher layoffs, impact the ability of teachers to adhere to the certification changes. I truly believe that teachers by nature are intrinsic learners and will professionally grow and become better teachers as they practice and develop their craft through proper supervision, guidance and personal self reflection. Please consider opposing the changes.