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I want to thank the committee for the opportunity to testify today, on behalf of CTE in Vermont, on this bill relating to workforce development. Career and Technical Education Centers in Vermont certainly welcome every opportunity to support the workforce development needs of our state. Since I am here representing the Technical Education Directors in the State of Vermont I will echo what I heard from them:

- This is great, too bad its for only three centers. Since the majority of Vermont CTE Centers are operating in some sort of a part time status.
- Looks like the timeframe for the pilot is only for one year it will be hard to make a real impact.
- The pilots would be good but it really doesn't get at the coordination of the systems. How do we get Vt Adult Learning, VTC, CCV, DOL, Regional Development, and others together on these things.
- A split position between regular and adult Assistant Director duties is hard to make work. Particularly since the Assistant Director usually handle student related issues. It is hard to be effective in either arena - day time and evenings.
- Not sure about funding source to support the pilots but we shouldn't take funds from existing workforce programs. Maybe when it is part of a larger plan stakeholders can determine where to best allocate all available resources.
- Even the most robust Adult CTE programs in the State when considering all overhead costs, the program doesn't fully pay for it self.