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I ask that you please include the recommended language for Scenario 1 in the Agency of Education's report on adult education funding in the FY27 Budget.

AEL providers serve Vermont's most vulnerable populations across the State. AEL providers help people build the assets they need to move out of poverty successfully, as well as the confidence to continue to move toward success throughout their lives. These free services are essential for Vermonters. Scenario 1 is the only fair and equitable solution and is endorsed by the providers that serve 90% of the state's AEL students.

As Chair of the CVAE Board I have seen how the funding allocation has negatively affected CVAE's students. Concessions on staffing and service delivery have been made because of the inequity. It is for this reason I ask that you please include the recommended language for Scenario 1 in the Agency of Education's report on adult education funding in the FY27 Budget. It is the only fair and equitable solution.

Thank you for considering this request.

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