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My name is Seth Lipschutz. I live in Middlesex. I am both a volunteer and board member of Central Vermont Adult Education.

I speak to request that the Legislature include the recommended language for Scenario 1 in the Agency of Education's report on adult education funding in the FY 27 budget.

I have personally witnessed adult learners at Central Vermont Adult Education achieve educational goals and build skills for economic and social success in their lives and enrich both their lives and our communities. Our programming and educational activities are specifically tailored to each individual student to allow them to succeed.

I work almost exclusively with CVAE's immigrant population, tutoring in English and helping with legal advice surrounding immigration, asylum, and refugee status. This is now about 25% of CVAE's student body, and I see every day the amazing work they do. As a Board member I know CVAE does this good work on a shoestring budget, relying on volunteers and aggressive fundraising. Scenario 1 is the only pathway for CVAE students to finally receive a level of funding that, when coupled with volunteerism and fundraising, will meet student needs now and into the future.

Scenario 1 is the fairest and most straightforward formula to assure equitable funding for adult learners throughout Vermont. As a representative and volunteer in a member organization of the Adult Education and Literacy Network, I ask the Legislature to please include the recommended language for Scenario 1 in the Agency of Education's report on adult education funding in the FY 27 budget.

Thank you so much for your consideration of this request.

Thank you.

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