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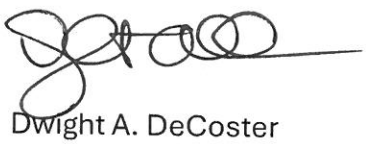
My name is Dwight DeCoster, and I serve as a board member of Vermont Adult Learning. I also serve as the Director of Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity's Weatherization Program. I have directly witnessed and benefitted from the adult learners that have worked with VAL. I have several of their learners on my staff and they have been critical to helping solve the work force dilemma that faces Vermont.

I am writing to respectfully ask that you include the recommended language for Scenario 1 in the Agency of Education's report on adult education funding in the FY27 Budget. Scenario 1 represents a fair, simple, and sustainable funding solution that ensures equitable access to adult education services across Vermont. It also aligns with Vermont's goals around proficiency-based education and moving away from seat time as the primary metric for determining student success. Our students rely on predictable funding so they can complete high school credentials, improve English skills, and move toward family-sustaining employment.

Thank you for your consideration and for your support of Vermont learners.

Yours in service,



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