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My name is Jon Crystal, and I am a new member of the board of directors of Vermont Adult Learning. I am writing today in support of the recommended language for Scenario 1 in the Agency of Education's report on adult education funding in the FY27 Budget.

In my opinion this scenario is best because it is a simple, equitable and sustainable funding approach that ensures fair and equitable access to these services across Vermont. An additional plus is that it is consistent with and supportive of Vermont's goals for proficiency based education, and it moves away from seat time as the main measure of student success.

VAL's students benefit from a dependable and predictable funding approach as it helps them work on language skills, progress toward high school credentials and most importantly progress toward sustainable employment. I am attaching the AELN handout as a reference.

I hope you will act to include this language from scenario 1 in the Budget.

Thanks for your consideration, and for your ongoing support of adult learners.

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