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My name is Rich Tulikangas, and I serve as a board member of Vermont Adult Learning since 2017. I am writing to respectfully request 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 sustainable and fair funding solution that ensures equitable access to adult education services to students throughout Vermont. It also aligns with Vermont's proficiency-based education goals and promotes 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. I have attached the AELN legislative handout for your reference. Please include the recommended language for Scenario 1 in the FY27 Budget.

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