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**WRITTEN TESTIMONY**  
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**Concerning**  
**SB 241 AA Allowing Adjunct Faculty Members of the Regional Community-  
Technical College System to Waive Membership in a State Retirement Plan**

**March 8, 2012**

Senator Bye, Representative Willis, Senator Boucher, Representative LeGeyst and  
Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to express my support for S.B. 241 *AA Allowing Adjunct  
Faculty Members of the Regional Community-Technical College System to Waive  
Membership in a State Retirement Plan*.

Currently, part-time adjunct faculty at UCONN and the state universities have the option  
to waive their membership in the state retirement program, which was granted through  
individual collective bargaining agreements. However, this provision has not been  
extended to part-time adjunct faculty at community colleges, who teach on a limited  
basis, may have other full-time jobs, and may contribute to other retirement savings  
programs.

As a result of the combined participation in retirement programs, these faculty  
members, depending on their individual tax situation, can experience complications with  
the Internal Revenue Service. This legislation will help alleviate those issues in the  
future, and provide flexibility to adjunct faculty.

Thank you for your consideration.