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Honorable senators, thank you for your service to our state. I am writing you regarding Senate Bill 84 and urge you to reject this legislation. I'm currently a student at the Metro East Web Academy and am apart of the MEECA program, also known as a middle college program. I struggled as a student through middle school and my first two years of high school, and wasn't able to achieve the grades I really hoped for. I began attending classes at MHCC just this year and am earning A's and B's for the first time in years. The difference has been like night and day since entering the middle college program and I am finally excelling in my academics. To successfully complete the program I will need to be a 5th year senior, however SB84 would eliminate that option and take that important 5th year away from me. The staff teaching those college courses are highly qualified and meet the same requirements as my professors at MHCC. My writing teacher Ms. Struyk-Bonn is beyond qualified to be teaching college courses. Ms. Struyk-Bonn is an incredible instructor and has helped me both understand and retain the information I'm taught faster than I have before. Having her as a teacher has greatly benefited me and many of my fellow students. If I hadn't had the option to take her online writing courses as part of this program, it would have meant additional expenses for my parents to enroll me in the same class at the college. This legislation appears to create a lot of problems while ultimately solving none. For the sake of my academic success as well as my fellow students, I strongly urge you to reject this bill. Chiavan Christenson