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RE: H422/S336 State Seal of Biliteracy
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Dear Honorable Chairs and Members of the Joint Committee on Education,

Thank you for considering bill *H422/S336 State Seal of Biliteracy* before your committee today. I am a co-sponsor of this important piece of legislation and I respectfully request that you report it out favorably and expeditiously.

This bill would create a "State Seal of Biliteracy" that would recognize student who can speak, read, and write in two different languages on their high school diplomas. Bilingualism is a valuable skill to have in today's increasingly globalized economy. This would create a standard way for graduates to market this skill.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. Once again, I urge you to report out favorably *H422/S336 State Seal of Biliteracy*.

Sincerely,

Paul Heroux