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Before the State Dept. of Education and State Board of Education concerning proposed changes to certification in Teacher Leader, Special Ed., Literacy Spec.

Good afternoon. My name is Barbra Mockalis and I'm a fourth grade teacher in Fairfield. As a regular education teacher, my students and I will be negatively impacted by the proposed certification changes for Teacher Leaders, Special Education Teachers, and Literacy Specialists. The students served and the teachers assisted by these valuable professionals will greatly decline with these proposed changes. In this day and age of trying to meet the individual and specialized needs of all our students on a daily basis, anything done to reduce or compromise the ability of those who deliver these vital services is truly unconscionable.

It is my hope, and the hope of most teachers across the state, that these proposed changes will not become part of the certification process in their current form. They are damaging to students, regular education teachers, those who currently serve as special education teachers, literacy specialists, and teacher leaders, as well as future candidates for those certifications. Thank you.