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**ADAM THOMAS**  
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Madame Chair and Colleagues,

Thank you for the opportunity to speak with you today in support of HB 2615 A.K.A the “Learn Everywhere” plan and discuss the major impact we could make on the future of our kids.

As we move forward from the last two years, we are seeing major opportunities in our workforce that need to be addressed. Businesses are being shut down due to a lack of employees, restaurants are running with skeleton crews to stay open, and our youth are coming out of high school with minimal if any beneficial development to meet the current labor force needs. This must change.

What HB 2615 will do is allow students the opportunity to earn course credits sponsored by approved entities approved through the local district and state board. Entities as listed in the bill would include work-based, apprenticeship, internship, industry certification or community programs primarily outside the classroom.

The potential positive impact this could have on our kids as well as our labor force could be great. We have a real chance to increase the preparedness of our future generations as they leave k-12 and enter the world of adulthood. Why would we not want to provide them such an amazing opportunity?

I would ask the committee to come together as a group and support the “Learn Everywhere” plan and vote to pass out HB 2615 favorably.

Thank you so much for your time.

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