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I'm not going to repeat what I know you've already heard from the Department of Labor or Commerce or the Governor. Workforce development in Vermont is reaching a critical level of needing immediate investments and focus. CTE is part of the overall solution that needs to be a partner in this endeavor. We need more students attending CTE in Vermont.

The current model for CTE funding has an inherent financial flaw built in in that everytime a local high school sends a student to CTE, that local high school loses funding. Two of my local high schools, that my CTE Center serves, have less than 125 students in their entire high schools. Even though there is a three year averaging process to lighten the immediate financial impact, five or six extra students attending CTE can have a proportionately large financial impact on these smaller high schools.

Although I generally support Bill H.483, I do think addressing funding in CTE can be mutually exclusive from developing a new governance structure for CTE.