IN THE SUPREME COURT OF IOWA

In the Matter of the Proposed Amendments to Iowa's Bar Admission Process	Professional Statement of Ben Arato

COMES NOW, the undersigned, and states the following:

1. My name is Ben Arato; I am an attorney licensed to practice in the State of Iowa.
2. I was admitted to the Bar in 2011.
3. I created the spreadsheet attached hereto as Exhibit1, and hereby state that it is true and accurate.
4. I used the public comments posted on the Supreme Court's website to create this spreadsheet.

Dated this 15th day of August, 2014.

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EXHIBIT 1

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	Blue Ribbon Committee Member	6		6 (includes Allan Vestal)
	UI and Drake Law Faculty	10		10 (includes Allan Vestal)
	ISBA Board of Governors	3	1	4
	All Others	40	96	136
	Percent of all others	29.41%	70.59%	100.00%

Summary: Excluding Blue Ribbon Committee Members and law professors at in-state schools, the public comment broke more than 2-1 against the Diploma Privilege. If you also exclude ISBA Board of Governors voting for their own proposal, over 70% of public comments are against the Diploma Privilege.

* Alan Olson submitted a comment on behalf of Iowa Legal Aid, but offered no suggestion of support or opposition