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Chairman Dolan and Members of the Senate Finance Committee:

I'm writing this message in regard to how much the revolving loan funding helped me. I was 16 when I had my first child. I'm 23 years old now, I was a stay at home mother for years. I didn't know what to do career wise. Then I found out about this awesome program and funding. I'm now working at a very nice dental office as a dental assistant making a great wage! I wouldn't have been able to do it without the help and support of the RLP and Assist to Succeed. A single mother struggling does not usually find a way out. Now I am able to provide for both myself and my daughter and have something to be proud of. Please do not take the funding away from the education that you have been putting it towards. I cannot image there being a better place for it to go. Educations for careers for individuals like me are the only way to put us ahead in life. It would be tragic for others to not have the same opportunity I did.

Respectfully,

Tiffany Thompson