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Chairman Brenner, Vice Chair Slaby, Ranking Member Fedor, and members of the House Education and Career Readiness Committee, thank you for taking the time today to hear my story. It is a pleasure to stand before you today. I have had many opportunities to tell my story in many different states, but it is always special to come home and testify where it all started.

Growing up was difficult. I was constantly in trouble at school and getting bad grades. I never liked school and it seemed as if it was a never ending cycle. I was able to use the EdChoice scholarship and ultimately graduate high school.

Now fast forward a few years, I am now in my senior year of college at Mount Vernon Nazarene University. I am studying journalism with hopes of continuing the fight for kids who are struggling in school. This bill is so important to me because it gives families a chance to break the cycle of poverty and actually make something of themselves. Education is the foundation in which everything else is built on.

I believe it is pivotal to continue to fight and never let up because there are kids lives at stake here. I am proof that Educational Reform works, and we need more of it in multiple states!

Thank you!