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Chairman Dolan and Members of the Senate Finance Committee:

Before I found Assist to Succeed, I was working a retail job I hated, I had dropped out of college because I couldn't decide on a career and I was running out of money to spend on school. I was struggling with a lot. I decided after talking with my aunt who is an EFDA to take a chance on a dental Assisting Program. After some googling, I found Assist to Succeed and seen they offered the state revolving loan funding to which you could pay back to cover school. Which for me was one of the top reasons I choose the program.

The state funding is what allowed me to even think about going back to school. As I very much had no other way to pay for school making minimum wage at a retail store. I was able to start the program and successfully complete it, it was the best decision ever to go through with the program. I fell in love with dentistry and my role in it as a dental assistant. It's the best career I could have ever chosen.

If I didn't have the state funding, I'm truly not sure where I would be at right now. Most likely still working at the retail store. But because I had the funding, I was able to go to school, not worrying about being able to afford it because I had the funding. Now thanks to the funding that put me through school and into my great career, I am on the road to possibly getting a traveling dental assistant job, where I will get to try all over the northeastern states and help improve other people's dental experiences. However, I am currently working in a dream practice doing the best job in the world! Please, don't stop this funding. It is top important for others like me and the dental profession.

Thank you,
Rylee Webb