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Chairman Dolan, Ranking Member Sykes, and members of the Senate Finance Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify. My name is Bailey Click, and I am a recent graduate of Hamilton Township High School, here to share with you the impact of Communities In Schools of Central Ohio.

I first want to start with telling you a little bit about who Ms. Brittany is, the Communities In Schools site coordinator at my school. She helped a lot at my school with the students who struggled with grades, attendance, had home issues, or struggles on their road to graduation.

Ms. Brittany goes above and beyond to give everyone she knows the best life they could possibly live.

The reputation for my family was you don't even graduate you just go straight to working -- there was no time or money to go to college. Over time, Ms. Brittany proved to me that graduating and going to college was and still is possible for me. I am now the only one to ever graduate high school in my family, and if I'm honest I don't think I would've gotten there without her.

When Ms. Brittany came to our school she noticed me, we clicked really well because we knew a lot of the same students from her old job at Westland. Not to mention, she helped me with the personal things as well, such as my home life, and issues with the people I chose to hang around.

My life has changed since she's been at my high school because I never really felt alone anymore. I wouldn't be where I'm at in my life without her. I can definitely say that I value who she is as a person and everything she's willing to do, she goes out of her way to be sure each and every one of us feels like we have a voice.

I can proudly say that because of Ms. Brittany, I will be applying to Paul Mitchell cosmetology school and then later furthering my education in psychology. Thank you for all you do and who you are, Ms. Brittany, and Communities In Schools.

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