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Hello Members of the Senate Health Committee.

My name is Aleigha Taggart, and I am in 8th grade. I attend Norton Middle School. I am here to talk about working with Ms. Stevens, the CIS site coordinator at my school, and why she is so important.

I met Ms. Stevens at an open house during my 7th grade year and we formed a bond pretty quickly. When I talk to Ms. Stevens, she helps me with my real-life problems and helps me figure out a way to solve them.

The goals we mainly have is just to find a positive solution to the problems I face as a middle schooler. After I started to go to Ms. Stevens to work on my problems, I noticed a lot of changes happening throughout my life.

I am less stressed, and I am able to control my anger better, mainly because she helped me find an anger management group and emotional regulation group. Also, because she is a good listener and has great solutions.

When I started working with Ms. Stevens, my GPA was 1.9. Ms. Stevens and I work on homework together. I started getting better grades last year and this year I got my first 4.0. Ms. Stevens also supports me with track.

Thank you for the chance to tell you about my work with Ms. Stevens and Communities In Schools of Ohio.