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Hi my name is Gavin. I'm in 5<sup>th</sup> grade at Gubser Elementary in Keizer. I would like to tell you a little bit about my dyslexia.

Reading is kind of hard for me. Sometimes I can't remember the right word for things. Dyslexia makes school harder for me and sometimes it is stressful and embarrassing.

Here are some things I want you to know.

I'm not stupid or lazy. Sometimes I need extra time to get things done.

It might take me extra tries to "get it" but when I do it sticks and I remember it.

I try my best, but sometimes I get really frustrated. I need teachers to be patient with me.

I like to work in a quiet room because noises can be distracting.

I may be dyslexic but I can still shine in a lot of other ways. I'm super good at math. I like to learn about science, and I am a self manager at school.

Senate Bill 612 is important because it will make sure teachers know how to help dyslexic students like me.

Thank you,

Gavin