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Dear Chair Roblan and the Senate Education Committee:

My name is Carolyn Nesbitt. I am submitting testimony on behalf of Wil Andrews. I am Wil's tutor and now friend. Wil has dyslexia and learned to read as an adult.

Wil had a brother who was perhaps learning different, but he was murdered at a young age. His only daughter did not seem to have dyslexia, and his new grandbaby is too young to test.

Wil was 52 or 53 when he met me. He wishes he had been diagnosed at a young age so he would not have had to go through school feeling so stupid. He was not given any reading help until he got to high school.

Since remediation, Wil has spoken at a high school commencement at ACMA, is turning in regular reports on the students at Westview; Dragon speak has been of help. He is getting married to one of the school district's accountants next Saturday! His self-esteem has increased considerably since we started worked together.

Wil is convinced that he might have made a wonderful school counselor or even principal had he received remediation therapy in elementary school.

In support of SB 612, Wil is giving oral testimony today. He will share his experience with dyslexia from an adult perspective.

Thank you,

Carolyn Nesbitt on behalf of Wil Andrews