

Good morning Legislators,

My name is Theo. I am 11 years old. I go to the Creative Science School in Portland. I have dyslexia.

Because teachers at my school don't understand dyslexia, I have to do tutoring at my house three days a week at night. And now, I even have to do tutoring four days a week in the summer, which I strongly don't like.

I wish my teachers knew how to teach me the same way my tutor does, so I could learn at school instead of at home. When I tutor at home, I can't play or do other activities.

Sometimes, having dyslexia makes me feel stupid, dumb and frustrated about my reading, writing and spelling skills. I am embarrassed to let other kids see my writing.

I know there are more kids at my school who aren't getting the help they need. Some parents don't even know their kids need to get tested or that they need special help and that is why I think this bill should pass. I want all kids like me to get the help they need.

Thank you. Theo Mathews-Lyon

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