To Whom it May Concern,

As a long time ASL interpreter I have seen first hand the benefits of our states regional programs for the Deaf, Deaf/ Blind and Hard of Hearing. Grouping Deaf children together provides community and friendships that reinforce learning and shared values the add membership to our larger communities.

Please do NOT cut these programs budgets!! These programs are essential for the long term educational outcomes of these students.

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