

House Committee on Education

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To whom it may concern,

I come from a very poor family, where my mom lost her job and discontinued to find work afterwards. Since 2006, and my dad being in and out of jail most of my life. It was very hard to find stability and even to have an idea on how to become a secure adult with any ambition to pursue a career. I tried community college and was unable to finish because of my lack of ambition towards a successful career. For this I was able to use financial aid for but regret because I failed.

Three years later, with a whole new mindset and endless dreams of being a successful barber/ hairstylist, I was accepted into an amazing cosmetology school and was forgiven of my prior educational mistakes.

I don't know where I would be if I wasn't able to receive financial aid and attend cosmetology school. It has completely changed my life and allowed me to move 8 hours away from my home. Not only am I far away from home but it will be a very long time until I can even go back because of the Camp fire taking my house and everything surrounding it. I'm here to start a whole new life and BUILD a successful future for myself. I will be the first in my family to receive a license and graduate from school.

I can't explain how important financial aid has been for me and continues to help me grow and reach my best potential that I've always known was there.

Thank you,

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