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I have worked as a para professional in special education and with many children that live with disabilities. The resources that have been provided thus far in their education process have been crucial in their progress as a student and socially/emotionally. Removing funding from their school experience would be an injustice to them and their peers. We need to provide as much support as possible to help give our kids tools to be successful. Our children are the future and the resources they use during school directly impacts how they grow into adults and how they show up in our community. School is such an important source of joy for so many students and they depend on having assistance from safe adults in their lives to help them through the challenges they face. Removing funding would only put a stress on an entire system that is already under represented. We should be one less barrier in these children's lives and strive for equity in our schools.