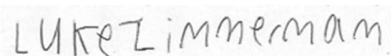


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To the Senate Education Committee:

Hi my name is Luke and I have dyslexia . I'm 10 years old and in 4th grade . I found out I had dyslexia when I was in 2 grade when mom took me outside of my school to test about it. It was hard finding good books to read. The district writing assignment is hard because it is hard to find information and it was hard to edit .It took courage to speak in front of my class and on genius hour day about it. Dyslexia does not effect how I play sports. Even though it is hard for me to read, I do not get extra help with reading in school. My teacher says I am smart. My class would not know about dyslexia except 1 friend and my after-school dyslexia therapist. It is harder to read in school than others. I have gone for a 2 hours a week for 2 years after school I learning strategies to help read and spell and now I'm about to graduate from the after-school program. It has helped me a lot. I think teachers should know about dyslexia because they do not say the word in school. Thank you for your time.

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light-colored background. The signature reads "LUKE Zimmerman" in all caps, with "Zimmerman" in a smaller font size than "LUKE".

Luke Zimmerman