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Hello, thank you all for coming and listening. My name is Finley Lemieux and I am from the town of Holland. I'm asking you to please advocate for adult education. I am currently a student at Northeast Kingdom Learning Services in Newport. I enrolled after a rather unpleasant experience at North Country Union High School. I have always struggled in a traditional school setting; keeping up with the classes was too much. I struggled with social acceptance from my peers, as well. Towards the end of my enrollment at North Country I was refusing to go to any of my classes. I'd like to thank my unpleasant experiences for leading me to NEKLS. The methods used there to help students learn and set goals are golden. My interests and plans for the future are advocated for there. My future dreams are to work for the FBI. A crazy dream to have for a girl from Holland Vermont, sure. Staff at NEKLS push me to move forward to accomplish this dream. They treat everyone fairly and their program is diverse and inclusive to all people. I feel extremely valued in my current learning environment. At traditional high school you feel like a herd of cattle. I have time to breathe, and not suffocate in the busy school weeks. My life is controlled, my time is controlled, my classes and learning subjects are controlled, and all by me. I've never been so content with life. I have so much time to take care of my pets due to the flexible schedule NEKLS has – minimally four hours a week, instead of six hours a day. I have the opportunity to learn comfortably and at my own pace. As you've probably noticed by the way I am speaking, I am very nervous when talking in front of a group of people, yet, I chose to do it anyway because this program is something I am passionate about and wholeheartedly believe in. Again, I am asking you to please advocate for adult education. Thank you for listening.