Testimony of Anna Krahn

Roseau Minnesota

House Higher Education Committee

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Chair Pelowski and the House Committee:

My name is Anna Krahn. I am 19 years old. Last year I walked through graduation with my Senior class at Roseau High School. This year I am attending the Transition Program there. Also, I love my job at Nelson's Cafe. Thank you for listening to me and letting me tell you about how much I want to go to college.

I have Down syndrome which sometimes makes it harder for me to learn new things. I have lots of friends, paras, and teachers who help me. My parents help me to make good decisions, but sometimes I like to make my own choices. One thing I would really love to do is go to college. I want to have a roommate and make lots of new friends. I would like to study about things I am interested in and learn how to be good at my job. I would like to work at a restaurant or help people in old people's homes.

The college I want to go to is Bethel University BUILD. It is far away from Roseau. I am excited about that, but a little bit nervous.

Please help me, and other people with intellectual disabilities, be able to have colleges to go to all over the state of Minnesota. Where more of us can continue to learn and grow to become more successful in life. Thank you for the chance to support HF687.