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Hello to whomever it may concern,

Destination Western or strong start was so amazing for me as a first generation college student, I believe that we should have continued funding for it through this bill. The program impacted me severely by giving me good homework skills, and making friends in college skills very early on! The program was so impactful for me, and even now I still have friends in the program. Yesterday I actually applied to become a councilor for the program, because my PA'S were so supportive of me during the program, I've never felt more prepared to go to a new place, and they made the transition from high school to college super smooth and I've never felt more supported, and that's the very reason I am going back

I want to be able to foreword the experience I gained at destination western, and welcome them into an amazing community. This funding is essential for the program to continue to exist, and I don't want to anyone to miss out on such an amazing thing.

Thank you for your time today, and I hope you take my testimony into consideration,

-Aidan Lanterman