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Dear Delegates Miller and Vogel,

My name is Jackson Medwid, I am in RVP grade 6. I have been doing virtual learning since first grade and RVP since third grade. I've had many classmates over the years. Although I have had issues with in person school, I know a lot of people that have had worse issues. I'm going to tell you a little bit about those. One story that I can quickly tell is this one. There is this one kid who was in school and was getting bullied so bad that he started failing. He heard about RVP and when he joined it he almost got straight A's in the first term. Another thing is that you might think RVP is just a school for special education kids. This is not true there are many kids not in special education who are in the RVP. RVP has a lot less problems than in person school. For example, it gets rid of the fears that some kids can have being in person. Also you get to feel the comfort and safety of being in your own home. All the people in the RVP for all the classes I have been part of, always have really nice people and very friendly teachers. For some people though they don't have good schools nearby. I know a person that would have to learn self defense just to be safe at the school they would go to if RVP was taken away.

Some people regard RVP as being easier but there has been proof showing that is not true. I have tested above grade level every year in English and Math. We have the same curriculum as the in person kids we just learn better virtually. My two older brothers have also become

straight A students since they have been in the RVP. In their in person schools it was so overcrowded and distracting that they could not focus on their work. In RVP you still get taught like if you were in person, and the RVP costs a lot less. With an in person school you have to spend MILLIONS of dollars just to make the building.

RVP helps with students who were being bullied, special education students, and regular students who learn better this way. It is a school that is vital for the students that are in it and in my opinion it should be called a school not a program. It should not only be funded more but be protected and stay up for the students that need it. Like me, who need it and had problems before they were in the RVP.

Please save the RVP it is my school not a program!

Sincerely,

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