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Hello,

My name is Korbyn and I'm a Junior in high school, as well as a Freshman at the University of Alaska Southeast (Juneau). As a homeschooler I did not receive any sex education, because the only things I learned were from my parents, and it was too awkward for me to ask questions and get information from them. I joined a peer education group with Planned Parenthood, and not only was I able to get the needed information I desired on relationships, consent, boundaries, and anatomy and physiology, I was also able to teach students my age in my community after I learned the material. My volunteer work with Planned Parenthood has made me go from a shy person, to who I am today. I would not be here today without the leadership I learned in the group. I would not have had the courage to speak in front of hundreds of people. I would not be a 17 year old in college.

Many people believe Planned Parenthood forces values on people. That is not true. I have the same values that I came into the group with. We are able to openly talk about different points of views and share different opinions on various topics.

As of today, I have two friends who gave birth to babies this week. Both 18 years old, unmarried, and no father in sight. I've asked them both if they had any sex education in school, and either it didn't make a strong enough impression on them to remember it, or they didn't receive any at all.

Instead of having this bill pass and make it even more difficult for youth today to receive unbiased, medically accurate sex education, I believe we need to help make this a bigger part of education. Consent and relationships is a big part of everyday life, not just in romantic relationships, but also in everyday friendships. Communication is essential, and youth today need to learn these tools to succeed in life.

Thank you,  
Korbyn Powers