

Dear Chairman and Members of the Committee,

I am writing to urge you to continue funding the Red River Valley Writing Project, which is supported by a Department of Public Instruction pass-through grant. As a member of this community, I have seen firsthand the positive impact this program has on our teachers and students.

The Red River Valley Writing Project is a professional development program that provides teachers with the training and support they need to improve their writing instruction. By participating in this program, teachers gain new skills and strategies that enable them to better engage their students and help them develop stronger writing skills. This, in turn, benefits our students by preparing them for academic success and future careers.

Furthermore, we are facing a literacy deficit in our nation. Professional development programs provided by the Red River Valley Writing Project help teachers create meaningful lessons that build students' literacy skills.

Unfortunately, the funding for the Red River Valley Writing Project is currently at risk. Without continued support, this valuable program may be forced to cut back on its services or even shut down entirely. This would be a tremendous loss for our community and for the students and teachers who rely on this program.

Therefore, I urge you to support continued funding for the Red River Valley Writing Project. Please consider the impact that this program has on our community and the importance of providing our teachers and students with the resources they need to succeed.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Shay Statz