

To whom it may concern,

My name is Alexis Genareo. I am currently a Middle School teacher in Watford City North Dakota. I attended Minot State University throughout most of my college experience, and am currently gaining my Masters Degree there as well. I am writing to explain how the Northern Plains Writing Project has helped me while attaining my degree. I have always known that I wanted to get my Masters Degree. Like most, I cannot afford it out of pocket. I also found it difficult to receive financial aid during the summer I started my degree. Dr. Conn and Dr. Stinson told me that I should be a part of the NPWP to help me financially. I can say that without this program there would be no way that I would be able to finish my degree. I know that I will have the opportunity to be a part of this program this summer to help me finish, but I think of all the people who will come after me who were in the same position I was or even worse. Not everyone will get financial aid. Not everyone can afford college. By taking this grant away, you are potentially getting rid of many higher level educators. I am asking as someone who knows what it is to have little and as someone who knows what it is like to be given the opportunity to chase her dream to please reconsider. I am in favor of keeping the NPWP for without it I would not be the educator I am today. I know that I am not the only one who feels this way either. Please listen to the voice of the people. Please do the right thing and consider keeping it. I know that there are other things you could be doing with the money, but I am asking that you reconsider.

Thank you,

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