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My name is Leah Sachs. I live in *City, State* with my Mom, Dad, sister, brother, and my three dogs. I am in 12th grade at my local high school. I like to read books, listen to music on my phone, and watch TV. I am a cheerleader on a team called Supernovas.



In the future, I would like to go to college and then get a job and make my own money. I am interested in finding a job as a famous actress or in advocacy. I really want people to treat me nicely and respect me and realize that I can accomplish a lot even though I have Down syndrome and other disabilities.

It is important to me that the Maryland State Legislature provides enough funding to the Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) so that I will be able to get services I need. Services like a support person to help me learn job and independence skills. Many of my older friends have had to wait years for these services, which is not fair, and cutting the budget will make this worse. We deserve to live our best possible lives now. Thank you so much for letting me share my story!

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