

Written TESTIMONY OF Dupree Edwards

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Chair Fateh and members:

My name is Dupree Edwards. I am providing written testimony today in support of Senate File 4525, the Minnesota RISE Act.

In 2019, I enrolled in a two-year college, but it did not work out. I was interested in taking some acting classes several years after I graduated from high school. Asking for accommodations for my disability was confusing and I could not find any specific instructions on what to do. I was told to provide a copy of my IEP. I talked to the Disability Resource Services staff and they decide what accommodations they would provide. The accommodations that were offered were not what I needed. I ended up dropping my classes.

Despite my first college experience, I still want to go to college. I believe that Senate File 4525 will help colleges provide clear information about disability services and the steps to get the accommodations that students with a disability need.

I ask for your support of Senate File 4525 for The Minnesota RISE Act. Thank you.