

Date

The Honorable (full name)

Room _____

11 South Union Street

Montgomery, Alabama 36130

Dear Senator (or Representative) _____:

I am a ___ grade student at _____ School in _____. I am currently in the gifted education program at my school. Gifted students have special needs. We not only think in a different way, but we also have special social and emotional needs. I need to be challenged each day so that I can continue to learn something new every day. Here are some reasons why my gifted education class is important.

1. I need to be with students like me and to collaborate with them so that we can learn from each other.
2. We get to study concepts, topics, units, and participate in activities that encourage and challenge us! These may include any of the following:
 - a. Logic problems and other brain teasers that foster critical thinking skills
 - b. Advanced vocabulary to improve our communication skills
 - c. Advanced literature which helps us consider new ideas and better understand people like us who are gifted and talented or other great achievers
 - d. Interdisciplinary units of study that teach broad concepts, how to problem solve, and prepare us for real world experiences
 - e. Mini-units of special interest that help us determine our strengths: probability and statistics, computer coding, creative dramatics, public speaking, foreign languages, etc.
 - f. Projects and/or competitions that teach teamwork, presentation skills, and cooperation: community service, creative problem solving, Future Problem Solving, Destination Imagination, Lego Robotics, etc.
3. My gifted education teacher understands me, helps me to better understand myself, and knows how to challenge me academically so that I can reach my full potential.

My gifted education class provides the challenge and support that gifted student need to grow academically, socially, and emotionally. Please support full funding of gifted education programs in the state of Alabama.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

(Your name and address)