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Focus on Students Report!

Hayden Ringer, a 7th grade student from Kingsley Junior High School, spoke in Springfield to the Illinois Senate Education Committee on March 8 in support of Senate Bill 223, a bill reinstating gifted education language into the Illinois School Code! Hayden talked about the fact that, during his elementary years, the Unit 5 gifted education program provided him with opportunities to learn at a higher level, allowed him to explore subject matter in greater depth, and gave him the opportunity to work with other students with similar abilities. Hayden talked about his aspirations to be an astronaut and his belief that the gifted program is helping him move toward his goal. Hayden indicated that it would be a loss to other students if gifted programs did not continue. He spoke with confidence and poise to a room filled with adults. He displayed a level of conviction and sincerity that was unmistakable. Hayden was a wonderful representative for Kingsley Junior High School, our gifted student population, and the McLean County Unit 5 School District.

Respectfully submitted,

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