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Testimony of Alexandra Gorski,
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Good Afternoon,

My name is Alexandra Gorski. I am a high school freshman, who for the past 8 years has been attending the Polish Language School in New Britain. I'm proud to be a Polish American, proud to be part of the Polish community and I'm proud to be a student of the Polish Language School in New Britain, CT.

For the past eight years, I have been waking up early every Saturday morning to attend school, which starts at 8:30. Most of my friends get to sleep late, watch TV or just relax on those Saturday mornings. Not me. I spend five hours on Saturdays to learn the Polish language, the history, customs, culture and geography of Poland, the country of my parents.

Last year, when I was in Poland for the first time, the fact that I attended Polish School helped me to communicate with my family and helped me to meet new Polish friends. In addition, I am able to read and write letters to my family and keep up with Polish news. I just wanted to let you understand that learning the Polish language is important to me and I will continue studying it.

I am looking forward to taking the Polish Regents Exam in the near future and hope that I will be able to receive the appropriate high school or college credit. My wish is that the time, the effort and the hard work I put into my studies, is rewarded.

Thank you