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Good morning. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to speak today.
My name is Somjit Lim. I am an adult learner. I would like to share my story and explain why Adult Learning programs are very important.
Before I joined Adult Learning, education was very difficult for me. English was not my first language, and reading and writing were challenging. Sometimes I felt nervous and not confident. I wanted to improve my skills, but I did not know where to start.
Adult Learning gave me a second chance. My teachers were patient and supportive. They helped me practice reading, writing, and math step by step. In class, I learned not only academic skills but also confidence.
Now I am studying for my GED test. My goal is to pass the GED and continue learning. Education will help me find better opportunities and contribute more to my community.
Adult Learning programs are very important for people like me. Many adults want to improve their lives, but they need support. These programs help adults gain skills, confidence, and hope for the future.
When adults learn, it helps more than just one person. It helps families, workplaces, and communities. Parents can help their children with school. Workers can gain better jobs and support their families.
I am very grateful for the teachers and programs that support adult learners. Without Adult Learning, many people would not have the opportunity to continue their education.
Thank you for supporting Adult Learning programs. Your support makes a real difference in people’s lives.
Thank you for listening to my story.