

Dear Sherrod Brown,

My name is Marissa Maxwell and I am a 10 year old, sixth grader (school just got out) at Worthington Hills Elementary School. One of my favorite parts of school is One Leg At A Time. One Leg At A Time is an anti-bullying program run by the students. The students come up with ideas to help prevent bullying in our schools.

Last year, a few sixth graders wanted to do an after school class for all grades to help teach how bullying can hurt and how to help in the event of bullying whether it's you or a peer being bullied. My friend and I instantly signed our names for the other two positions to teach the class.

This year they've moved on to seventh grade and are no longer at the same school, so my friend and I decided to start it up again. It was a five week class. We had to prep lessons and fit our schedules to be able to teach the lessons.

This year the advisor of One Leg At A Time at our school, Lori Steele nominated me for an award for my help in One Leg At A Time through the organization Be Strong. I went on to be the Worthington School District representative and then the Ohio State representative.

I do my part to be a positive example for others, to learn by doing, and to prevent the issue of bullying in my community as best I can. Be Strong sent me an assignment to reach out to my State Senator and introduce myself and offer help so that's what I would like to do. If there is ever any anti-bullying meeting or anything of the sort that I could help you with please reach out to me.

Sincerely,

Marissa Maxwell