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SPEECH AND DEBATE ENABLED ME  
TO EMBRACE MY TRANS IDENTITY  
AND HELPED ME FIND MY VOICE.  
NOW, I WORK TO EMPOWER AND  
LISTEN TO OTHERS WHOSE VOICES  
NEED TO BE HEARD.



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