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Hello,

Recently, the funding for the Governor's Institutes of Vermont has been put in danger of being lowered. If this were to happen, many Vermont families would be unable to send their students to the positive environments these summer institutes supply.

I myself was lucky enough to attend two of these institutes, the Arts, Current Issues, both being priceless experiences. GIV was such a key factor in my developing into an adult. Without the support from the faculty and other attendees, I would not be the person I am today. Attending GIA was the first time I felt that I was in the right place, that I fit in perfectly. I know the experience is similar for all attendees and cutting the funding would diminish the chances for some students to experience this feeling of acceptance.

Please keep the funding of GIV, and help students all over Vermont discover and develop their passions.