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On Behalf Of:  
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Hello Committee members,

Thank you for the opportunity to give testimony on Senate Bill 854. My name is Alex Wang, and I am a junior at Lake Oswego High School. I am a part of the robotics team in our school and love to play badminton in clubs.

I am writing to express my strong support for SB 854, the Senate Bill aimed at improving the conditions for underdeveloped regions in our state. As someone who has had the opportunity to travel to underdeveloped regions in China several times, I have witnessed firsthand the desperation that food shortages and lack of basic utilities can create. I remember seeing people who were only able to eat potatoes for every meal, as there were no other options available to them. It was heart-wrenching to see their struggle and the impact it had on their health and well-being.

As an individual who cares deeply about the welfare of those around me, I cannot stress enough the importance of passing this bill. I am passionate about improving the lives of people in our communities, and I believe that this bill is a step in the right direction toward achieving that goal. The bill's focus on providing better access to basic utilities and improving food security is critical to ensuring that all members of our community have the resources they need to live healthy, dignified lives.

As lawmakers, you have immense power to bring about positive transformation and to nudge your colleagues into doing what is in the interests of the public. Please, see the potential in this bill. Try to see the many other possibilities it helps put in place. Teachers are not being asked to shift to a new curriculum, but simply to make connections within what they're already doing. This is feasible. This is appropriate. Whatever you do, I urge you to think seven generations to the future and the legacy you are leaving behind with your movement on this bill.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Kind regards,

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