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Hello Committee Members, thank you for the opportunity to give testimony on Senate Bill 854. My name is Charlotte and I am a junior at Ridgeview High School. I am an officer for the National Honors Society, and I am involved in Future Business Leaders of America.

I would like to share with you my climate story. I grew up in California with immense water droughts and scorching hot summers. All I ever heard from adults around me was, "oh it's just global warming", and "I guess it's your generation's problem to fix". They admitted that there was a problem but they made no effort to find ways to solve this issue. I would wonder, if we know some of the causes why does it keep getting worse? The answer that I came up with is that there is no exposure to these problems. School is where children are sent to prepare them for the world, to give them an education that will benefit them forever. However, they do not talk about climate education. A very important issue that they will face in the world, and that is currently affecting everyone.

Senate Bill 854 would benefit all students. It would discuss real world problems and hopefully discuss solutions. It will hopefully bring about a new wave of awareness and bring up generations of students aware of this problem.

As lawmakers, you have the power to change the world. I hope you can see the potential and urge your colleague as well. Teachers are not being asked to completely change to a new curriculum, just make connections within what they are already doing. I urge you to think about the future and what could become of it. Thank you.

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