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Hello Committee members, I want to start out first by thanking you all for the opportunity to give testimony on Senate Bill 854. My name is Safia Aweys, and I am a junior at Cleveland High School. I am on my school's restorative justice team, and also part of advance leadership at my school. I want to share with you a little bit about my climate story. In school, I learned about climate change and its causes. However, I wish I had learned how important climate change adaptation is. It is important for us to learn what we can do to fight climate change systematically, as there is more to it than we have been taught so far. It's great that we're discussing SB 854. Providing all Oregon students with the opportunity to learn why climate change exists, how it affects people, the predictions of its effect on people, and ways to combat it are all important. In your role as lawmakers, you have the power to influence your colleagues for the better. I encourage you to look at this bill and see what it can accomplish. Rather than changing the entire curriculum, the bill asks teachers to incorporate slight changes to the existing curriculum. Your movement on this bill is not only affecting this generation but for the ones to come after them as well. Thank you.

Kind regards,
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