

My name is Sara Biju (she/her), and I'm a sophomore at Westview High School. I feel as though my level of education in regards to climate education was lacking up until high school. In my 9th grade physics class, we watched the documentary "Before the Flood". I know for a fact that after watching this film and seeing the dire situations portrayed in the film that, up until that point, my classmates and I hadn't been exposed to, was distressing. Yes, anyone with general knowledge can be aware of our world's climate crisis. However, as the natural world and ecosystems around us collapse, the situation no longer becomes something that we can just simply "be aware of". Expanding the extent to which we teach about climate change is a key step in accomplishing this. After all, the younger generations that we are educating are the ones being left to handle climate change, and if they don't know enough, they won't do enough. Our efforts to help our world won't make change if we aren't passing on that drive to accomplish change. Passing this bill is a clear path to doing just that. For the sake of not just our planet, but those who will succeed us and have the power to carry forward our change, I urge you to see the potential of this bill.

Kind regards,

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