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I wanted to add something to my first testimony statement, also in support of SB 854. I spoke about how I have only learned about climate change in science classes or in my Sustainability social studies elective. My testimony was written in December when I went to speak to legislators about this topic. I wanted to update my statement to reflect my second semester learning. Currently we are also learning about the climate crisis in my English class. We are reading a book called *A Children's Bible* that uses biblical allusions to convey the severity of climate change. It has been extremely insightful, and this is a perfect example of how important climate change education is. This little bit of awareness has given me a new perspective, and I am grateful that it is implemented into my senior English curriculum. I can only imagine how beneficial climate change education would be if it were implemented into the school curriculum from an early age. I am extremely grateful for the opportunities I have had to learn and take action, and I can only hope that this bill is passed, so that others will be as fortunate as I am to receive an education like mine. Thank you!