

Members of the Committee,

I want to testify as a person who works with the community on a daily basis. In order to create real change from a lens of understanding the problem and creating a solution, you need a support system. To say 2.5 people will be able to manage, identify, strategize, and create a solution is not wise. We need to ensure those we put into office have the tools to be successful. The biggest tool is people who can do the work necessary to make a change. Two people can't steer a ship out of a storm. Right now we are in the biggest storm we have ever had in a century and the people we have in our community are some of the greatest talents in history. We need that talent in our government to make the changes for their community. They must be smart, empathetic, driven, and of color. We can't ask anyone to solve a solution they can not relate to. So I ask that they please give the Captain a crew to steer this ship out of this storm.

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