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My name is Samuel Fishback, I go by he/him, and I am a junior NHS member at Westview High School. I want to share my climate story. One time I went outside and the sky was bright red. I was absolutely flabbergasted by the crimson hue covering the sky. After I caught a whiff of the smoke, I immediately dashed inside to grab a mask. I started to wonder why such a thing could happen, and later found out it was due to a forest fire, which was caused by climate change. I wasn't even able to walk my dog that night because of the dangers of inhaling the smoke. Thinking about having to face a reality where the sky turning red is a common occurrence has only increased my anxiety about the topic of climate change. School has always taught me about the dangers of climate change, but this was one of the first times where I actually felt an impact on such a large scale. I believe that Senate Bill 854 will greatly impact the fight against climate change, and give us the edge in fighting against it. Climate change's big impacts are fast approaching, and we need to do anything we can to slow down its advance of it. If we are able to greatly educate the public about climate change, then there will be more demand to stop it. I urge you to vote not only for ourselves but for the future of our generations. Thank you.