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Hi, my name is Allison Dillenberg, I am a senior at Westview High School and currently work at a restaurant as well. I am also the captain of our school's dance team.

In the past year, I have witnessed multiple forest fires driving down highways in California and have noticed the significant difference in the color of the sky and the difference in the air. Walking outside and feeling like you are breathing dirty air. Watching the news the next week to hear nothing about what just happened. Future fires happening, and it is being assessed as a normal occurrence when not that long ago we never experienced forest fires. When nothing is put into action to change big issues that are going on it makes me feel as though this country is hopeless.

When looking into the future I see that our planet is being destroyed every day. Not sure if it will still be around for my future kids. I honestly don't know much about climate change and am not sure what I can do to change it either. That is why I think Senate Bill 854 is so important. If I was able to learn more about climate change and what actually is happening in the world I would be able to handle it more appropriately. I would also know how I can make a bigger difference in slowing climate change whether it be writing letters to pass a new bill or even changing something in many different people's lives to make our carbon footprint smaller.

If we want to do what is right for this country does that mean informing our citizens as best as possible? To further their understanding so they are able to make the right decisions. I think that making this change will further the planet's existence and therefore further the lives of American citizens.

Kind regards,
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