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On Behalf Of:
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Measure: SB854

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on Senate Bill 854. My name is Sahith Chandra, and I am currently a senior at Westview High School.

From elementary school, I have been partaking in activities that raise awareness and help combat climate change in my community. Lately, I have been trying to take it a step further by involving my expertise in technology to help conserve the natural environment. For example, I partook in a science project where I was able to create 'clean energy' by solely converting human body heat to electricity. Using the electricity I created, I was able to power, fans, flashlights, and even charge computers. I realized that there are many students with innovative capabilities like me, and I want to be involved with students who put it towards our future. With your action on SB 854, students will have access to education about our rapidly changing future and environment. This increased attention will inspire even more creative solutions to climate change and help build a more sustainable future.

Outside of my specific interests, I believe that SB 854 will improve the education taught about marginalized communities; the increase of awareness in people around us will help students and our future generations understand their challenges, as well as their underlying causes. Local communities will strengthen as well as the environment around them. The benefits of passing this bill completely outweigh the costs. With Improved living standards, sustainability, educational opportunities, career pathways, and more, I strongly urge you to vote in favor of SB 854.

Thank you,
Sahiith Chandra