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Hello,

My name is Gabby Morescalchi. I am a student at Westview High School and a member of a local FRC robotics club. I wanted to share a little about how climate change has impacted my life.

In the late summer, I used to be able to go hiking with my family and play at the beach. However in recent years smog has been wrapping around my city and it is seldom that I go outside. I have had asthma for part of my life that hadn't really affected me but now I fear to go outside for parts of the year. The smog makes me worried for myself and people like me. During this forest fire season I check in with my friends who I fear may be trapped by local fires because many of the forests I was able to hike in when I was little have been charred beyond recognition.

These are just the things I have personally experienced and I am no stranger to other climate change issues like water shortage. I am well aware of the distress and destruction all over the world because of climate change. It is incredibly bizarre to me that so many species could all go extinct in just my short lifetime. Biodiversity and environmental change is just the tip of the melting iceberg.

To me, it seems wrong that anyone should be afraid to go outside, afraid for their friends; their family, and their environment. I am writing this in case it should effect some change, big or small. Thank you for taking the time to read this letter.