

My name is Kaytlyn Lebeck (she/her). I am a senior at Westview High School, I play varsity and club volleyball, and I am a member of the National Honor Society at Westview. Growing up in this generation, climate change has always been a part of my education. It started in middle school, at Rachel Carson Environmental Middle School in Portland Oregon. We spent an entire semester learning about what affects climate change and how we can contribute to the solutions. It was taught to us that it is a problem for the generations alive now, but it is especially important for our generations and the next. Teachers can teach about it, but it is ultimately up to our generation and the ones to follow to care and work towards a solution.

This is why I think it is very important to learn about climate change in schools. Not only in science classes, but outside of science. Literature, history, math, and other classes. It is easy to incorporate the topic of climate change into these topics. We use data all the time in math, do a research paper about a subtopic of climate change in english, etc. There is so much we can do to let our students know and get them to understand the importance of the topic.

As lawmakers, you have immense power in these decisions. As of right now, there is still time to change our ways and lower our carbon footprints before it is too late. If we continue like we have been, we will come to a point where we will not be able to reverse the effects. That is why now is the time to support this bill. Starting with passing this bill, we are one step closer to solving the problem.

Kind regards,

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