

Testimony for Climate Change

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As high school students, we often find ourselves contemplating the world we will inherit and the challenges that lie ahead. And one issue that weighs heavily on the minds and hearts of everyone in this room is climate change. It's not just a distant problem for future generations; it's happening now, and it's impacting our lives in both the short term and the long term.

For me, climate change isn't just a scientific phenomenon; it's personal. It's about the summers that seem to get hotter every year, the extreme weather events that disrupt our communities, and the natural wonders that are disappearing before my eyes. It's about the future I want for myself and for generations to come.

Climate change disrupts our world, from increasing extreme weather patterns and causing sea levels to rise, to decimating different ecosystems and animal populations. This happens around the world, but also at home, in our state of California. In fact, California alone has experienced severe heat waves in recent years, extreme wildfires that damaged entire cities, flooding that affected various regions, and long-term drought. These issues are only bound to get worse as climate change progresses, but by passing crucial and sustainable legislation to aid in the fight against climate change we can make the difference that stops these problems.

So, by advocating for environmental legislation and climate reform policies, we strive to make California a more sustainable state and set a precedent for important climate justice reform both in the upcoming months and the decades to come.

Thank you.

