

Monday, July 3rd, 2023

The Honorable (first name)(last name)

Address

City, State (Zip Code)

**Re: SUPPORT for AB 285: Pupil instruction: science requirements: climate change.**

Dear (Representative/Senator/Congressman or Congresswoman) (Last name):

We, the undersigned San Diego-based organizations, are writing to express our strong **support for AB 285, the climate science education bill.**

In the last few years, we Californians have been direct witnesses to the consequences of the climate crisis. With California racked with devastating wildfires, drought, and rainstorms all worsened and more frequent from climate change, it's difficult to ignore the crisis we are faced with. Children all around the state are forced to evacuate from their homes from worsening wildfires. Climate change is not in 5 or 10 years, it is here, and students deserve to be equipped with the proper education to understand the emergency that directly affects us.

The natural disasters ever so present due to climate change are becoming more frequent and severe and will continue to worsen unless we see direct climate action. By educating students on the causes, effects, and ways to mitigate the crisis, we are empowering students to help prevent the worst effects of the climate crisis.

As high school student leaders and organizers, we understand the importance of effective climate change education to advocate for a livable future. Not only would this bill equip students with the knowledge to move towards a more sustainable future, but it would also help combat misinformation surrounding climate change.

By implementing more comprehensive climate change curriculum by the 2024-2025 school year, our future voters, lawmakers, and representatives will be equipped with the knowledge they need to make decisions with a livable future in mind.

Despite any attempt to shield young students from the crisis we're facing, they are exposed to the consequences of climate change every day. By providing children with the understanding of how climate change affects us and what are solutions to this problem, we're equipping them with the knowledge they'll need to navigate a world stricken with climate change.

Thank you for taking measures to educate our future leaders about one of the biggest challenges we're facing in our world today.

Thank you,

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