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SB24-014 Seal of Climate Literacy Diploma Endorsement

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<p>Rylan Neumann For themselves</p>	<p>My name is Rylan Neumann and I am a junior at Fairview High School in Boulder Valley School District. I am writing to testify in support of SB24-014: Seal of Climate Literacy Diploma Endorsement. I would have liked to give this testimony in person, but I have to go to school. I hope you will read this in its entirety.</p> <p>I support this bill because I have already seen the impacts of climate change on my own life and I want to fight it. Every year I fear that my grandparents' house in the mountains will burn down, and now, after I have witnessed the Marshall fire in Louisville and Superior, I fear a fire will destroy my house. Just a couple of years ago, I remember scrambling to evacuate when the NCAR fire came miles from my house. I was terrified that everything I knew and loved would be destroyed by something I felt was out of my control.</p> <p>Now, this is a major motivation for me to act on climate change. I am scared for my future and I want to do something about it. Other students at my school feel this way too. My environmental club at school has grown from 10 to 60 members in the last two years because people want to make a difference. I believe that this bill, SB24-014, can help students take action. Boulder Valley School District is in support of this bill and I am hopeful they will implement it if it gets passed. I would be excited to see new climate literacy classes and cool community partnerships for the final experiential learning project. I think that this would be an amazing way for students to learn how to make a difference against climate change.</p> <p>Thank you to the sponsors for running this bill and to the chair and the committee for reading my testimony and considering this important piece of legislation.</p>
<p>Jessica Goldstroh</p>	<p>I am writing in support of the Seal of Climate Literacy Diploma Endorsement, SB24-014. I am an informal conservation educator and</p>

For themselves	<p>a mother of two teenage daughters who are currently enrolled in Boulder County Schools. This is a strong start to a much needed push for equipping future leaders with the knowledge they need to address the climate crisis. My daughters would both pursue this diploma, and I am certain they are not the only ones. Thank you for sponsoring this bill. Please put it into action. Thank you.</p> <p>Jessica Goldstrohm</p>
Beth Church For themselves	<p>I support Climate Literacy in school districts. Students will gain a complete understanding of climate education. This can help alleviate climate anxiety if taught correctly. Teaching climate literacy will bring awareness to individuals to be more conscious of their surroundings and encourage them to care more about biodiversity.</p>
Luke George For themselves	<p>I am strongly in support of Senate Bill 24-013 Seal of Climate Literacy Diploma Endorsement. I have been working with high school students in the Poudre School District and I have met with students from the Denver School District who are working on solutions to our climate crisis. Through their efforts to address climate change, these students are making a valuable contributions to their schools, communities and the entire world. Climate change is an existential threat to our society; providing recognition to those students who are working on this issue will elevate the visibility of their work and encourage more students to get involved.</p>