

Testimony

Good Afternoon Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee,

My name is Adam Thompson, I'm a senior at Capital High School and am a leader in the Climate Justice League.

Squatting on the cold dirt surrounded by a dark grey sky and leaning over to watch the clear, rushing stream, 7 year old me was conscious that I was being taught something that was wholesomely true. As I watched for Salmon our teacher reminded us of the problems directly related to the rising temperatures in oceans and streams associated with climate change. In that moment and to this day I appreciate learning about nature through a scientific lens because it gives students the opportunity to experience the world without bias or politicalization.

Today I stand here in front of all you to ask that we do not remove climate change from the science standards. I believe that all students should have the ability to learn about the natural world through credible, repeated research that is not dependent on which news channel we watch or which facebook pages our like-minded facebook friends share. I also ask that this committee take into consideration the 99% support for keeping climate change in the science standards and the over 1000 signatures the Idaho Climate Justice League got in three days, by informing their peers on the issue at hand today. Finally, I hope that the committee will be reminded that the standards they are trying to remove are standards that have been reviewed and reinstated by professionals on the Idaho state board of of education for three years in a row.

I like many other students in the state am concerned that our pleas for keeping a discussion about one of the world's most pressing issues is falling to deaf ears. I am asking you to prove that you represent the general public and not a select few by voting to keep climate change in the science standards