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Thank you Chair and committee for allowing me this opportunity to speak to you today. My name is Seth Fisher-Olvera and I am a Coordinator with the Youth Lobby. As a member of the youth, I can say with certainty that the climate crisis is on our minds. The headlines from Australia and California are hard to ignore and make it clear that action needs to be taken immediately. Vermont has too long lagged behind in the fight against climate change and it is time we stepped up. The Global Warming Solutions Act would be an undeniable step towards saving my generation's future. The bill would promote job growth in our state, create a realistic and comprehensive process to achieve important carbon emission targets, and push legislators towards even more action in the future. With this being said, I believe that the targets set in this bill do not go far enough. At the first annual Youth Climate Congress, more than 170 of Vermont's Youth stated that they wanted Vermont to be net-zero by 2030. Whereas H.688 doesn't have us reach that benchmark until 250. Again, thank you for listening to my voice, and I implore you to remember the youth who are not here today, whose futures are at risk