

Hello,

My name is Maia Lodise and I am a freshman at Everett High School here in Lansing. Though I have not lived in Michigan long, from just the past few months, I know I love Lansing. The friends I have made, and the community I have joined, are strong and loving. To think myself and the people I care about could be in danger is scary.

Everett has multiple lead-positive water fountains, many of them also have concerning levels of copper. Water is a basis of human living and a necessity to every person. Without clean water at Everett I can not go a day without worrying for my friends and my health. Will I grow up with lead in my brain, tearing my cognitive function apart? Will my little sister grow up drinking copper filled water, living with no control over this substance that damages her body? For some time now I have hoped and hoped for some way of fixing the unsafe conditions my peers and I face. This bill is the solution.

This bill ensures the money and materials needed to place water filters in our school. I would feel safer drinking school water if I had the reassurance that it was clean and could not harm me. Clean water would also open the doors to learning with a healthy and hydrated body. All in all, if this bill is approved, my community would be drinking water that benefits them instead of harming them.

Thank you for taking the time to read my thoughts,

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