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Hello-

I would like to comment on the elimination of the environmental and ecology PA standards..... Today, more than ever, we need students who give a damn about this planet. With climate change at the forefront of science discussions, it is critical that this next generation has an understanding and a DESIRE to want to help curtail the environmental stressors we have placed on the earth. If these standards are removed, what will be left? As a molecular biology teacher, I understand the importance of SOME molecular standards, but I have watched over the course of the last 28 years "classic biology" disappear and move into a more molecular mind-set. It's sad that this has happened- we need our science standards to be more well rounded- to include classification, earth space, molecular, and of course environmental and agricultural. The standards need to be RELEVANT to their lives!!! Please talk to teachers who are working hard to help students respect and nurture this planet. Please talk to colleges that help supplement these programs in high schools. This would be a disaster for public education if this is passed. Thank You.

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