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Hello, my name is Ms. Jones. I am a proud citizen of Newark and a second year college student. I was raised in this urban city and because of that, many things that greatly affected my people and I were forced into the shadows. In school, we were taught about history through white eyes and our reality was morphed. We were still forced to go home to depression, struggle, anger and frustration force upon urban cities because of systematic oppression. And yet, we still had to attend schools refused to teach us the reasons behind the madness and only taught us life and history through white eyes. I attended the the Energy Master Plan 2018 hearing on October 4th and all the frustration resurfaced. As participants ran up to the podiums with notes and powerpoints, they were greeted by smug, uninterested, and, quite frankly, unprofessional faces. One panel member arrived 30 minutes late, one man sat texting the entire time, the next man looked through the participants and the last woman would not even look at the participants. One participants even brought his own personal printed out powerpoint and they nonchalantly flipped through the pages without skimming. This was all in addition to the inconvenience of the meetings being short notice and the time which makes it impossible for much participation. There needs to be a change of attitude. It is the least that can be done besides actually addressing environmental issues. Thank you for your time.

Peace and Blessings