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Hello,

I am a Classical High School student writing to explain to you why Bill 8310 should NOT be passed.

Uvalde was a highly policed city, yet that didn't stop the tragic events at the elementary school from taking place. Many students feel unsafe and uncomfortable with police in general, so I can only imagine the fear in our hearts when we see armed police in our schools. Students deserve to be able to make mistakes and make stupid decisions without fear of being shot or killed. All this bill does is contribute more to the school to prison pipeline, and sew more distrust in our community.

School safety does not have to look like this. Instituting different forms of lockdowns such as ALICE, may help. Putting more counselors and mental health professionals in school buildings will help. But adding police officers? Absolutely not. Students who have anxiety when they see a cop car simply due to the color of their skin will not feel any safer if they see that same car parked outside their school.

We need school safety, not police in schools.

Demi Egunjobi