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My Regards to the Constitution

Two hundred and thirty three years ago our country found unity and justice through the ratification of the United States Constitution. Unfortunately, I am only sixteen years old and cannot vouch for what my life would be like without the published Bill of Rights and the line of amendments written in the Constitution. However, based on what I have learned from many history classes, the events that took place before the constitution and how they were wrongfully handled makes me certain that we are better off with it. As a highschool student I have been able to speak my mind and be an active member of the student body, which is only possible because of the first amendment in the bill of rights. Freedom of speech was not always guaranteed before 1788, but so far in my lifetime I have been able to stand up for causes I believe in, voice my opinion, and write about topics that I am passionate about no matter the content. I feel lucky to be an American, and know that I have the first amendment and all the other rights guaranteed and protected to me by the Constitution. My daily life would be so much different without the assurance that my natural rights cannot and will not be taken away. Every morning that I wake up to go to school, I know that In my pocket I carry the rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. A prime example took place this last summer as I was driving to the gas station. A drunk driver swerved into me and took out the left side of my mom's car. Not only did this man threaten my right to life but he would've gotten away with it if our government was not shaped

around the constitution and this idea of justice like it is today. The Constitution guarantees protections of my rights as an American citizen, and did just that as I was able to file charges and get back the money to fix the damages he caused to the car. This made me feel safe and assured that no matter what crazy lies in the world I will be okay because of the system put in place when this document was ratified. This is a traumatic experience where I feel like the Constitution has affected me and my life, but it also appears on a daily basis for not only me but many other Americans. When living in the United States no matter your skin color, gender, political views, religion, or etc you are able to feel safe and secure which not many can say in other countries. The Constitution does not have the power to take away all the evil in the world, but it has created a unified system that balances out good from bad and ensures justice no matter the situation. This is one American speaking on behalf of many others who have been affected in so many positive ways, that we here together are celebrating September as the National Constitutional month.