

Throughout my life, change had always been something I'd aspired to contribute to. I knew I wanted to make a difference, but this seemed like something I would do as an adult. The steps between the idea and the change itself seemed an impossible leap for someone of my age. As I grew older, learning more about the world, I realized this wasn't true, and I found small ways to help, but any major changes seemed to be unreachable. The page program presented itself to me in the form of a newspaper article years ago that talked about someone from our town going to the State House. I had almost forgotten about this program until this September, looking for volunteer projects for school with my friend Maddie. Granted, this isn't exactly volunteer work, but the idea sparked something for both of us, and, despite it being two days before the deadline, we both applied as quickly as possible. Lucky for us we both got in!

The privilege of being a page in the Vermont State House, being involved in the current events of our government, is an ideal way to get a look into the future of our generation. The generations before us have walked in the same halls of this State House, all with goals, hopes, and dreams of their own. This opportunity has not only given me a connection to the past, but also a view of a future I can help it become. Change is always really something that's possible, yet not always something that we want to instigate on our own, this page program has given me the opportunity to share this thought of change with others. The opportunity has given me the chance to see the world, or at least our state, through this lens of the government, and understand the implications and importance of several things I wouldn't have noticed before. The page program has helped significantly in this view for me as a page. The program has helped me discover the views needed for me to make change more of a reality. This kind of view has been invaluable for me, showing me not only the change that is occurring, but also the change that has the capability to occur in our lives.

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