

In my relatively short time on earth, I have seen great change both for the better and worse. Clean energy has become more abundant and accessible to people, while at the same time, the poorest among us still have to rely on appliances that impact their health. I am most aware of this injustice in the example of my father, who has worked in the restaurant industry his whole life and will likely have to work past retirement age as well. There are many facets to the ways in which I can see he has been forgotten by society, but the most prevalent of those is he had been reliant on gas heating and cooking for much of his life both in home and at work. This has led to adverse health effects that he is anxious to treat both financially and emotionally. UTENJA matters to me because I want better for my father in the last decades of his life.