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Written in 1787, ratified in 1788, and in operation since 1789, our Constitution is the world's longest-surviving government charter. The United States Constitution has set up the structure of our government and divides powers between different branches. The most important part of our Constitution is it protects individuals' rights and freedoms. For every single American living in the US, our Constitution is one of the most important things to ever be created in the history of our government and how it is controlled.

The constitution begins by saying "We the People" meaning that the government of the United States exists to serve and protect the citizens no matter what race, sex, and age they are. Through the amendments, we the people are promised the protection of life, liberty, and property. Our Constitution has given us the freedom to make a change in this world and do what's best for us, to make it known that we have a voice-over government officials.

The United States Constitution is very important to myself specifically for many different reasons. For one, I am a firm believer in free speech and the right to vocalize my opinion. Nobody can silence me, and the First Amendment protects that right. The First Amendment is protection over freedom of speech, it allows people to open up new ideas to the world, and share their thoughts. As long as no physical harm is done to anyone, you are allowed to say what you want. This also protects my religion and my sex. With the First Amendment, I don't have to be afraid that I may be harmed by sharing my thoughts and opinions on a topic.

One of the most important amendments that means a lot to me is the nineteenth amendment. It gave me the right to vote, it gave women in the country the right to vote. I cherish this amendment because my ancestors and all women fought for basic human rights and freedom, and now we have it. I believe that women do not get enough credit for the power that we hold, and it will only continue to get stronger in generations to come. I am honored to be able to place a vote as a woman because I feel as if I am making my ancestors happy, a change in the world, and giving my personal opinion, almost as if I am thanking them for fighting for my rights as a woman.

In my personal opinion, I feel like the twenty-sixth amendment is not as honored as it should be. This amendment provides the right to all eighteen-year-olds to pitch a vote for any election that may be present. As a senior who is not only a woman but also eighteen years of age, I cannot wait to cast my first vote for the 2024 presidential election. This amendment is quite important for many different reasons, the most important being that it gives the younger generation a voice and a sense of purpose. Eighteen is the legal age for an adult, therefore, you should be able to cast a vote legally.

I also believe that the Fourth Amendment is very important to us people. It protects people from unreasonable government searches and seizures. I believe that before someone's home is searched, the government must have a warrant and a specific reason. Because of this amendment, people don't have to fear what may happen in their own home. I believe that this amendment is often ignored and government ignores it. There have been many situations in the past 6 years that involve cops breaking into people's homes and killing the owners. Breonna Taylor is a great example of this, her home was broken into at night and she and her boyfriend were both killed for a crime that they did not commit. This amendment is often ignored by the

government and too many people lose their lives when they are proven innocent. This amendment needs to be remembered and kept alive throughout generations.

I agree with all amendments to our Constitution, but these are by far the most important to me as a citizen of the United States. Our amendments have created a positive change along with a stable and equal economy. I believe that the Constitution should be studied by all US citizens so that we all understand that our government works for us and that we do have a say in what happens around our country. Because of our Constitution, we can protest for ourselves and others who may not have a voice, make health choices for ourselves, cast a vote, own our own land, and most importantly, have freedom. Although some amendments are frowned upon and disagreed with, they are all there for a reason and that reason is to protect us people.