**Amber Dukeman** (00:00): My name is Amber Dukeman. I am originally from the Aberdeen, Havre de Grace area. I've lived in both cities, most of my childhood. It's a whole mess, but I currently go to school all the way out in Allegheny County at Frostburg State.

**Amber Dukeman** (00:13): I think we all come to the table with different issues in mind. I feel like politics is a very taboo subject to talk about. Right? And it's not something that you just bring to the table and say, "Hey. Yeah, we're going to chat about politics today." Because that's ... I study it for fun. I genuinely enjoy it, and even I don't want to do that.

**Amber Dukeman** (00:37): But several issues that brought me to the polls was the fact that I saw lots of people that I loved and care about being left out. I have several family and friends who identify as transgender. And I know someone who can no longer ... Well, could no longer enlist in the military, because they were trans.

**Amber Dukeman** (00:54): I have several family members that are gay, lesbian, and I saw lots of them be like, "Hey, you can't adopt in certain places." And I was literally watching rights of loved ones being taken away. And it was really scary to watch, because I'm in a very privileged position where I don't really have to worry about that. But those people are real to me. I see them every day and it really brought it home to me.