Arianna Gomez ([00:01](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=WlhtLvFyLqzWgrV-IV_m6ZDWRou-9e_SHY-D4nnFMO8PcydBU4C4LAHOmW6iDQYFOd_FI-mDszHylXDRHcCFZn1VNnY&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1.04)):

My name is Arianna Gomez. I am from originally Laurel, Maryland. I grew up in PG County my whole life, but now I study at Salisbury University. I am a K through 12 ESL certification major. That essentially boils down to just me wanting to help people learn English as second language in [inaudible 00:00:23], academic schooling, as well as like also trying to help teach people who are adult ESL learners.

Arianna Gomez ([00:33](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=un6I5JFJt75ZXIAKovl3pmR-yXH8fL9NTqxAQYWA_9cqolIUPDpV4NxVrvcFqY3e9vPnlZ3TI4BrscqKkh_1S5Bsauk&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=33.63)):

The issues that just really brought me to the polls were just common issues in my community, like immigration, about lack of accessible housing, and funding for our schools, as well as during this pandemic, I feel like the situation was not handled correctly. So many young students, so many adults are struggling with what's happening and just the outcome could have been better. It could have been handled a lot better. I want us to move forward as a country and to really try to put our best effort forward.

Arianna Gomez ([01:14](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=pNfVcDAzzuAxCSQYpuARxiYodmZWNBJs2Gi5ZwnO2Q8oo4jK6oQlDuukkKTBSHdLw4dA6U64ldA7RRj80_t9KRIAli8&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=74.29)):

I think a current issue that is just happening for my local community and Laurel I really would like to solve is funding for schools and services. Working in Wicomico County, I have learned that they have solved just childhood hunger in itself by funding free lunches for all students who go to Wicomico County schools in public schools. They give them free breakfast and free lunch and dinner. Even with the current pandemic, they are still open to give those lunches to students so that none of them go hungry. That is something I would love to extend my county because I remember so many classmates and so many of my students that have went hungry because they do not have food at home. That is something that I think is very easily solved at a public forum.