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A House bill that could ban TikTok would limit opportunities for connection in the United States if passed according to San Diego junior Isabella Lorusso.

"If it's gone, then that kind of cuts off a whole network or like a way to connect with people," Lorusso said. She realized she could lose more than just a source of entertainment from the ban.

She said sending TikToks to her friends and family is an easy and fun way to bond with them, and it would be frustrating to lose that correspondence.

"It's also become a way of connecting with others on social issues and things like that," Lorusso said. She says the platform is widely used across the world and has established a sense of community with its users.

Not only would the ban limit opportunities for connection, according to Lorusso, it would limit access to information.

"So many people get their information from TikTok," she said. "Reliable or not." She was concerned the ban would make the same access to information challenging.

Lorusso said she gets a lot of her information from TikTok, and she primarily uses the platform to watch videos involving relevant news, comedy and influencer and pop culture content.

The bill is currently waiting to be voted on by the U.S. Senate. It will likely take several months for a ban to be placed in effect if it passes the Senate and is signed into law by the president.