

Angel Demaree
Gardiner High School

Concerned Montana Citizens on Environmental Responsibility

I represent citizens who are concerned with environmental responsibilities. I Support the management of all recycling and littering in the state of Montana.

In the United States economic system, every person will at least once, if not many times use non-recycled paper in their lifetime. There are approximately 303,477,046 people living in the United States alone, and approximately 6,651,872,034 people in the world. It takes one tree makes 16.67 reams of copy paper or 8,333.3 sheets; therefore if each person used one piece of paper it would take 36,417.9 trees. Establishments such as schools and offices use abundant amounts of paper daily.

On the other hand it only takes a few steps to help make our economy more environmentally friendly and preserved. For example if every household reused a paper grocery bag for one shopping trip, about 60,000 trees would be saved. Also for every ton of recycled office paper saves 380 gallons of oil. Recycling paper would be the easiest and most efficient way to save the trees, and the environment.

As a citizen of the United States I think that it is the responsibility of ones self to recycle on a daily basis. By making recycling a habit throughout the many houses, businesses, and schools, it will set an example for the rest of the world. I also believe that each individual state should make recycling a law, and punish the offenders.

Also to help the management of recycled goods, the act of littering should be against the law. By punishing the people who do not care about the environment, this will hopefully encourage the people not to litter, to recycle and to care about the refurbishment of our environment and habitat.

I will support legislation that enforces environmental responsibility, and oppose the act of littering and wasteful distribution of paper products.

This document is in compliance with the Montana YMCA Youth Legislature Lobbyist Disclosure Policy.