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Montana Citizens for a Better Tomorrow

I represent the concerned citizens of the state of Montana who support the rehabilitation of the environment. We support the further production of products that help to reduce pollution and preserve what natural substances we have left in the world. We will speak out against production of environmentally unsafe products.

The entire world is being harmed by all the pollution the US creates. It is true that we are not the only country that is contributing to this outrageous impact on the environment, but we are responsible for a large portion of it. Our system of government is also a role model for many countries, and thus, they do what we do. If we begin to do everything we possibly can to reduce pollution and to help save our world, many of those countries will do as we do. By supporting all the environmentally friendly acts that our nation is doing, we will create a chain reaction that will spread to countries around the world. Many foreign nations have already begun this process, and we must do the same.

US citizens do not realize all the damage we do to the environment by everyday, little things that we usually don't pay attention to. To protect the world around us, we must learn to make a conscious effort to fix our errors. We Americans must realize the damage we are doing. For example:

- With only 6% of the world's population, Americans generate 35% of the trash and consume 35% of the world's resources.
- 80% of all the oil discovered in North America to date has already been extracted
- The US could save 33 million gallons of gasoline each day if the average commuter-passenger load were increased by one person.
- Every year, Americans receive 2 million tons of junk mail, that of which less than 50% is opened
- The energy saved from one recycled aluminum can will operate a television for 3 hours
- Americas use 2.5 million plastic bottles every HOUR. Recycling just 10% of these bottles would keep 200 million pounds out of landfills every year.
- Every ton of paper made from recycled materials saves about 17 trees.

According to the facts above, our country is in desperate need of environmental rehabilitation. There is so much that we can do to help save our world.

I will support legislation that supports the manufacture of products that will improve the environment in any way, and oppose bills that create destruction of our resources.

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