

# **Dear World Leaders**

## A collection of letters from children addressed to World Leaders

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### Introduction

In March 2021 the Global Sustainability Institute (GSI) at Anglia Ruskin University celebrates its 10th anniversary.

For the anniversary we approached a number of children (who would be around 10 years old in the run up to our 10th anniversary) from all over the world to write a letter to the Prime Minister or World Leader of their choice, sharing their thoughts about climate change/planetary survival over the next 10 years.

Importantly we wanted to hear from children about their hopes and visions for what they want the world, and their community, to be like in 10 years time. What changes do they want to see that they hope World Leaders could support.

In response to these letters we published a book: *Dear World Leaders*. The book was published to coincide with the UK hosting the United Nations Conference Of the Parties in 2021 (COP26) which looks at agreeing the next steps to combat climate change. The book was illustrated by undergraduate students on the BA Illustration course at Anglia Ruskin University.

Here all the letters we received are reproduced in full.

Please send further letters to us at the GSI or to your own world leader and keep up the pressure for change.

# UK

Dear World leaders,

Imagine this: You are a child. You know that if the governments around the world don't act on the climate emergency **now**, your future will be full of fires, floods, food shortages and danger. But even though you try your hardest to make the governments listen and do something to save you, you are powerless. They are ignoring climate change because it doesn't suit them to act, and it might not be good for their popularity. What would you do, if you were that child?

We are those children and we can't stop climate change by ourselves. We need everyone to have a change of lifestyle, and to do that we need to change hearts and minds. And that won't just happen, 'POW - nothing needed'. It needs **action** from you, the world leaders, right now!

The governments around the world should put the current climate emergency first and foremost in <u>everything</u> they do, and <u>every</u> law they pass. It is just not good enough to tell people to plant trees while also expanding airports. Every choice affects the environment, and our beautiful planet should <u>always</u> be the priority.

This will mean sacrifices, but it doesn't have to be all doom and gloom, "We can't have this or that, or that". Couldn't you, the ones who can really make a difference, use this as an opportunity to rebuild the world...but better? And to me the changes we need don't seem too much like sacrifices. We just need the world to understand and want to help, and maybe the arts can help us raise awareness.

Now let's imagine... ten years from now, you go for a walk to your friend's house through the trees, and see a deer running past with exactly the same freedom as you. You pass a windfarm on the way, and a river gushing merrily down, teeming with water creatures including ducks, fish and frogs. As you arrive, you note the fruit and vegetables grown all around the house, and you know that the naturally produced bricks that the house is made of have microbes in them, to generate eco-friendly electricity, and the concrete holding them together has bacteria in, which makes the concrete heal itself when a crack appears, because of a chemical process that makes it form more crystals .

Your friend rushes out, and invites you inside the solar-panel topped cottage. You're invited onto a chair made from used coffee grounds (with help from mycelium fungus), and enjoy a delicious, vegan, locally sourced meal. After it, you need the toilet, and know that your excretion will be turned into power or fertiliser. Also, microbes will re-use the grey water that runs down the plug-hole while you're washing your hands with an organic soap bar. When you come back, your friend asks if you want to practise your cycling, and you agree. As you whizz around on this environmentally friendly planet, you are so glad that you conserved this beautiful world, instead of letting it burn and flood out of human control, just so that a few people could make enormous amounts of money for a short time.

This sounds like a world that I'd *want* to live in. And I don't just want this. We **NEED** this.

We need a carbon-neutral world where fossil fuels are **never** used.

As Greta Thunberg said, our lives are in your hands. Because by the time we, the youngest generation, get into power, it will be too late. Don't you understand that if **YOU** don't act, **every** new generation of animals, including humans, will suffer?

Every day wasted, 200 more species are gone forever, and no high-tech inventions can ever bring them back. Every day that action is not taken, is a day closer to that irreversible chain reaction that will negatively change our planet forever.

So please listen.

Please seize the opportunity to re-build our world in a positive, peaceful, eco-friendly way.

Yours sincerely, Freya (UK) Dear Prime Minister of the United Kingdom,

My name is Emma. I am writing to you to ask you to address the potentially fatal problems of climate change and to share with you my ideas of a better future.

I am sure that you are aware of the many effects of climate change on our planet, but I would just like to remind you of the outcome that it could have if we do not act soon. Going back to the horrific bushfires of Australia, a staggering 80% of the iconic Blue Mountains and more than 50% of the Gowanda rainforests were burnt and destroyed, as well as nearly half a billion animals killed. Then to plastic pollution, just one plastic bottle could take up to one million years decompose and yet huge amounts of plastic is being dumped into the ocean, killing vast amounts of marine life and entering the human food chain. It is also estimated that due to climate change, 75% percent of glaciers in the Swiss Alps will be gone within 30 years. It is not just abroad, as I write this there are almost 100 flood warnings across the UK because of Storm Dennis, and yet my local city Cambridge is experiencing serious long-term drought. The list of effects on the planet goes on and on and I think that it is quite clear that if we don't do something soon future generations will live in a world where they are constantly worrying that their home may be destroyed by the frequent fires, floods and extreme weather. Is that really what you want for our children?

I read that we have got only twelve years to do something before our situation becomes irreversible. I am sure that you have noticed people protesting: that is because our world leaders are the only people powerful enough to make an impact and yet they are the people completely ignoring our desperate situation. You must act now because when you finally realise how crucial it is, you will be too late and our days on this planet will be numbered; there will be nothing that you can do and we will just have to sit back helplessly and watch our planet being tortured.

But it doesn't have to be like that. My ideal future would be a world where I could walk around the countryside and take big deep breaths of fresh air whilst gazing around me at the thousands of different animals and insects, then walk into my flourishing garden and my solar panel covered house. When I got hungry I could go outside and pick fresh fruit and vegetables from the vegetable patch or eat seasonal food grown locally. I could drink plenty of clean water from the tap but use harvested rainwater for cleaning and washing. I would know that whatever I no longer needed would be made into something new and nothing went to waste. If I needed to travel it could be using a reliable public transport system fuelled by green energy. And if I lived in Australia or California then I would know that I was safe from wildfires and droughts. If I lived by the coast or a river, I would know that I would not be drowned by the floods and my house would not be destroyed. My ideal future would be a world where I did not have to worry about climate change.

I hope I have reminded you how important our situation is and how our present actions could influence generations to come and potentially cause the destruction of the earth. The UK has committed to being carbon neutral by 2050, but will that be too late? I hope you take this into close consideration and take urgent action towards a better future.

Yours sincerely,

Emma (UK)

It concerns me greatly the matter of Climate Change. Yet we can put a stop to things, so that is why I am writing today. Our government needs to appreciate that if we carry on are, our world will fail. However, there are thing we can do. My school; is passionate in saving the planet. The School Council and headteacher have got together and found ways to make our school eco-friendly. These small differences range from lights that turn off/on automatically, recycle bins and more. I think all schools should invest in this.

I have the right to choose my future. I desire lush, green trees, fresh air to breathe and a clean planet. Yet all I see is pollution and melting ice. There's no option, this must stop! It disgusts me the vast amounts one package must consist of and the 'not yet recycled' bags. This is appalling! Trains should be cheaper for the one reason so much better for the planet.

When I turn 18, I shall be able to vote. It's in my right mind to vote for the party I know will save my planet. Money may be precious but this is a case of life or death! This is not just for my generation, but generations to come.

All I ask of you is that you consider my letter, and remember the responsibility lies in your hands.

Yours Evie (UK)

I am quite concerned about the wellbeing of our planet Earth. Fossil fuels, littering, unrecyclable plastics and unsustainable forests and energy sources are all destroying our beautiful ecosystem. Over the next few decades, my school, and schools across the world wish to see a few changes made. For instance, if British car manufacturers switched to electric, therefore cutting down on carbon emissions, Britain should become climate leaders. Settling a demonstration for other nations and leading the campaign. Another shocking part of climate change and urban sprawling can be found in northern India and parts of China. Here smog levels have escalated the recommended level by at least 100, rendering the air unsafe to breathe on certain days. Imagine if that spread across the globe... At our school we are determined to prevent scenarios like these happening so we have eco-warriors. We recycle and hold fundraisers. We are doing our bit. Are you? Now is the time to act and we can no longer sit and watch from the sidelines. It is imperative we do something.

Not too long from now there could be no planet Earth. I may sound pessimistic but it's awfully true! WE want to live and breathe is a beautiful environment not a desolate wasteland. Inserting things like wind turbines could make a difference.

So please make a change –make Britain great again.

Yours sincerely Adam (UK)

This planet matters, we are concerned about the world and the pollution building up. The plastic and CO2 is building up and causing pollution in the atmosphere. The work we have been doing has highlighted the effects of climate change on our planet. If we carry on our future is: no wildlife, no nature, no animals and no breathable air: there is no planet B. oil and coal is not the future in the next two decades those resources will run out. If you want to make Britain great then lead the world by making changes: electric cars, more chargers, cleaner electricity and lights that turn themselves off, simple things which will make Britain truly great. The palm oil being imported from the rainforest, in that area there would have been trees but now there aren't. Even though I am only 10 years old it is my future and I will vote for someone who is willing to make a change for the planet and not for money. Green is the way forward and oil and coal is the way back most politicians care about money nothing else, surely the planet is more important than money. The people who see this letter will agree the world matters and time is running out to make a change. The law can change, the power is in the hands of the leaders so act like one and save the world...

Yours in hope, Elliot (UK)

If you don't stop supermarkets from selling unrecyclable plastic soon you won't get my vote. I am concerned about how much Palm Oil you are allowing shops to put in their products, I don't think you really know how many trees are cut down to make Palm Oil.

I think that you should encourage more people to use public transport instead of cars that pollute the air. Us and our wildlife are slowly dying and I want the future generation to see animals but not just in a zoo. The world's future is depending on you!

If you could I would love you to invest in more pumps for electric cars. If you do all these things you can make Britain Great again.

Yours in anticipation, Elliot (UK)

In this country I would like a few changes, that can help the world. If the changes don't happen in 10 years, when I am 18 I will not vote for you.

I want the packaging for food and other items to be recyclable and non recyclable packing should be illegal. I don't want palm oil to be produced by cutting down the rainforest.

You should invest in more wind turbines, solar panels and electric cars with better batteries. There should be more chargers for electric cars around the country. I think that public transport should be cheaper.

In school lights should have sensors so when you go in a room the lights turn on and when you go out the lights turn off.

I hope you agree with these changes and while you have the position of Prime Minister, you actually use it wisely to protect my future.

Yours faithfully Jacob (UK)

It worries me dearly that the Sustainability of the UK is descending rapidly due to the pollution from car fumes for example and aeroplanes should be powered by solar panels so they stop polluting. Dyorislalion also is worthy of being stopped palm oil and other oils should be banned. Trees are in reality, the lungs of the earth. If you do not act now it could have a colossal impact on mankind.

People who voted for you expect something great to happen. You will not get any votes in the next ten years (my generation) if we feel you have let us down by wasting your opportunity to make a difference. You need to encourage people to go on more public transport, decrease train prices and more electric cars plus charging litterers and fly tipping. Increase turbine farms and tide farms. Please stop pollution.

Yours Hopefully

Drew (UK)

I've got a few questions for you and your party, why don't you focus on our which highlights our future and the generations still to come? If I had children I would want them to have a chance at running on lush green grass not on hard concrete for their rest of their life, and for them to be able to breath in fresh air not the remains of our exhausts, I want to give them a nice future!

Why can't you make Britain great and live up to its name by leading the fight against pollution and global warming, think about those animals who died to our expense, you will be remembered as the Prime Minister who stopped Global Warming and saved the earth.

If you donated money to electric cars and made them last longer we could stop a lot of pollution.

Our school had done a lot for the environment along with re-cycling crisp packets (that's me!) re-cycling paper and we have lights in out toilets that sense when people come in and out so they can turn on and off and save electricity.

When I get to the age of 18 I will vote for the party that are most aware of this course.

Yours in hope, Eden (UK)

I am writing to ask you a favour. It concerns me that Climate Change will affect our future if you don't make a decision now. Icebergs are melting, animals are becoming extincted and worse but you think about Brexit. Our future is in your hands so perhaps now you can give your individual attention towards these matters now.

Our school tries to do things to help the environment such as yesterday we completed a sponsored 3 mile walk which we made £776.00 for Australia. We separate meat and veg at lunchtime so we can use the vegetable waste for compost.

This is not just for my generation, it is for many generations to come.

You could make it a legislation that shops sell products with plastic packaging. You could change it over night but you chose to ignore it.

Nature is sustainable but not us. You have the power to change it...

Yours sincerely Henry (UK)

I am concerned about how little we are doing to slow down climate change and I would like to make Britain more sustainable. This is my future and even though I'm only 10, when I turn 18 I will vote for the most suitable prime minister to keep Great Britain going. Our country claims we are 'great' but are we? I wish for a future with clear blue skies, happy people and animals and a fresh environment. I want my future family to have a happy life, not wearing masks as the air is to dangerous to breath in. We need to live up to our name. So don't miss your chance to make a difference.

Inside our school we have been working on how we can create a more eco friendly environment. WE have been collecting our crisp bags to be compressed down into small pellets that will be recycled into new items. We have changed our bathroom lights to automatic lights. However, we are only a small percentage of our country and more needs to be done. Imagine a life without pollution, how nice would that be? Humans are spoiling the world and now it is time for us to save the earth. Electric cars are a thing so why can't we focus on creating electric cars that last longer, that would make a difference. Britain could make that. Make trains cheaper so more people can access this transport.

You should make all schools have automatic lights, that would save a lot of money. Plastic on items could be changed. Even though recyclable plastic has been created many times we still don't use the resource. You should be the one who makes a law that only recyclable plastic can be used. Why do you need that extra monster covering the item like a blanket. We need to stop supporting places where they will start cutting the human population down! Everyone needs to cut down on using oil as in a few years the world will run out. What will we do? Great Britain needs to start using wind turbines and wave power to create power. Supermarkets should start to collect crisp bags and stop using unnecessary plastic.

These are my wishes for you to make a reality in your years of being a prime minister. Remember I am only 10 years old but I do make a difference. This planet matters to me, everyone.

Yours in anticipation,

Bea (UK)

I am really concerned about our planet and what could happen if we don't do something now.

I may only be 10 but our planet is in trouble and I can't do as much as you because you are prime minister, for now, and you can do much more than me.

I shall be voting in eight years and I will be voting for the M.P. that cares for the planet.

Please help us generate more clean electricity, and make shops stop selling non recyclable plastic , every plane we fly we plant ten trees and every tree we cut down we plant three more also we should stop using palm oil that rainforest trees have been cut down to farm them. Be the hero to man and nature not the man that did nothing and let the world die!

Yours hopefully

Luiza (UK)

I am writing to get you to change our planet, our future. You are the Prime Minister. You make the big changes. In only 8 years I will be voting and if the changes aren't correct, I will not vote for you.

If you change the way we live and the actions we make to save the world, you will be remembered as something a lot better than now. A hero perhaps. The decisions you make you make will form our future.

On the other hand, travel is ridiculous. Aeroplanes are polluting such a large amount of the skies and the planet. If every time a flight launched, wouldn't it be great if the company planted around 20 trees! Trains are good, but it would be amazing if the price went down.

I hope this has opened your eyes.

Yours hopefully, Phoebe (UK)

I was hoping you could do something about the frightful position. One day, all the coal and oil will run out, so cars will have no fuel. Instead we can store the coal and oil and construct better, faster electric cars.

I don't want my grandchildren to only be able to see animals in a zoo, unless you can't see, the world around us in not sustainable. In the next decade, glaciers will melt, snow won't be a thing and animals will be extinct. Can you make Great Britain great again?

In 9 years I can vote and I will vote for a sensible prime minister that will change history. We want more: solar panels, water powered electricity, wind turbines and electric car chargers. Also we need to cut down all plants in the rainforest and replant with jungle trees.

This is your chance to be a hero not a brexit delayer.

There is NO Planet B.

Yours sincerely Teddy (UK)

#### **Dear World leaders**

My name is Jaelyn. I would like to talk about climate change because I worry about our Earth and I would like to help. We should help the Earth by using less electricity. I think we should plant more trees to help the Earth. We should use more solar power and less coal. All in all, we should help the Earth by doing these steps.

I would like to save the Earth from climate change. First, I could help animals go to the right place to live because when I grow up I would like to be an animal saver. Second, I could plant lots of trees and help the worms because trees make air and worms help the soil. Last, I could help the bees because they help the flowers and the trees. In summary, I could help the Earth from climate change.

The world leaders should make factories stop using coal. They should not make flying cars and they should stop people from smoking. They should use less electricity and more solar energy. They should protect bees. In conclusion world leaders should help with these ideas to help the Earth from being destroyed.

Jaelyn (UK)

I wish for a bright future. A future with thriving ice caps and a clear blue sky. WE need to make our planet sustainable whilst we have the chance. We could set an example to the rest of the world. Us, Great Britain, claims we're great but instead of saying we're great we should act great.

However, more than one country is in peril. In Brazil, trees are being destroyed for power thirsty businessmen thirsty for more. Both the Arctic and Antarctic need our help. Only you, we and the rest of the world have the power to save mankind.

In 7 years time, I will vote for a party that I think cares. Unless you make a change it won't be yours. YOU should create laws like biodegradable bags in supermarkets or products with palm oil in them can only be bought from an animal safe environment and no deforestation. Changes like these will have a big affect on the planet. Do it for me. Do it for Great Britain. Do it for the world.

Yours hopefully Noah (UK)

I am concerned about what our planet will be like in 10 years time. My class are not happy about what people are doing to our Earth. Our Oceans are getting polluted and our environment is covered in litter. In the next decade I want fresh air, clean oceans, and no waste to be seen. I want my children and grandchildren to be able to see a natural environment and see all the animals that I have seen. At school we have been trying to do what we can to save the planet. WE now have automatic lights, a student has been recycling crisp packets and we have been trying to recycle more. In 7 years I will be 18 and if you want my vote to be yours you need to change things.

I hate seeing the planet being destroyed. Woods are being chopped down for houses and sea life is being killed by litter. I think public transport should be improved. Trains should be cheaper, cars should be electric and planes should be run on solar panels. Another things is, I think palm oil should be banned because it causes deforestation and is bad for the environment in other countries.

I think people should stop sitting back and should start making a positive difference! I hope you agree with my ideas and could even do something about it. One day you could be a hero to this world. It is your chance to be remembered for something great.

Yours in hope Maggie (UK)

I believe in the next decade Britain could become more sustainable but this will only happen if we as a country take action. The decision you make now will affect the future. I don't want a future with dark polluted skies and plasticated seas, no one does, but it will be if you don't act this will be the future of planet Earth.

In my school we have installed L.E.D. and sensory lights. I believe this should be a thing in all schools, I also think for every plane flight two trees should be planted for every hour in the sky. You should also focus on wind turbines and wave generator for cleaner more efficient energy. I have another idea for plastic to band by law from shopping products.

Yours hopefully

Thomas (UK)

These are the changes that we want to see in the next decade. We would like you to take petrol cars off the roads and replace them with electric cars. Your changes can make Britain sustainable. I am deeply concerned that the products that we have now could lead to less plastic to save the environment. In my future I see blue sky and beautiful surroundings but now all I see is dirty grub on the streets. In the next 20 years all of the fuel will stop working. Stop poachers from hurting animals and stop people from doing illegal acts. You know and we know there is no planet B! Your decisions can make the world a much better place, this is your time to shine. You can become a global hero. You could stop people from cutting down trees and make recyclable paper. I know I am only 9 but in 9 years if you don't make any of these changes I won't vote for you.

Noah

(UK)

I'm very concerned of what is happening to our planet at the moment. I want the planet to have clean air and no waste. The seas are filling up with plastic and the environment is covered in litter.

I want the future generations to be able to live in a plastic free world. I want them to be able to run around in the fields and breathe in non-polluted air, unfortunately at the moment I do not think it is going to happen. Everything is possible if you try, so please make Britain great again.

There are ways to save our planet from being polluted and you can change it. WE need supermarkets to stop wrapping food in so much plastic and use cardboard or paper. WE could also make more reusable products.

Our future is in your hands at the moment so you and the government need to do something about it. It doesn't matter how much money we have if there is no planet to live on, the future matters more than anything

Yours hopefully Darcey (UK)

I have a few concerns about how the government has to change over this decade. Palm oil is a terrible cause of deforestation and hurts the nature of the world. Just because the oil of palm is cheaper than the sustainable rape seed oil. You have the power to make life changing decisions.

Do you want to be a leader who sets our country to our country to our well deserved name? The shanagans that you hold are going down hill and you are struggling to stand up to this country's name (Great Britain).

How do you accept that the plastic and the carbon affected of one flight to the USA equals eight years of constant driving. If you add that up you will have an outrageous amount of carbon offset. If you want to keep your place at the top of society you have to especially change and make your decision special to the country and not just you.

The environment is vital to the well being of our civilisation. We need the whole government to change our society. Do not linger. I want a bright and wonderful future. I mean this is big time! Do you care about us, the next generation? We will not choose you again if the answer is no.

Yours hopefully Quinn (UK)

I am writing to say a few things about the way our country is in. I'm 9 years what I am wanting it to be more like is to have more car factories for people to make cars in. Then there is a matter shops using too much unrecyclable plastics. But if you made it a law to not use so much unrecyclable plastic, it would help. This is not just our lives we're thinking about this is the future of everyone's children's lives. I may be young but I'm standing for the future of all lives including animals. Because we might not even be able to see animals outside, just in zoos, caged away because there is no land. You can change the country before it's too late. If you don't really make a change in 9 years your votes will be drifting to a prime minister who actually will make a change to the future of people. This is another thing I want to say is about automatic lights will come on and off when needed. And will help the planet. If you take the plane that is a big amount of fuel in the air, just to go to France. So if you planted a lot of trees every time you use a plane it would then be weighed out equally between them. If in a car in the summer on top of it there were panels taking the energy from the sun to power it.

Yours in hope,

Freya (UK)

I am Florence and since I am not old enough to vote I think we should make Britain sustainable in the next decade. I think we should make more people buy electric cars and not ones that run on petrol,. WE also need electric cars to last longer, if the government are prepared to invest. Also we need to put less plastic on penguin bars and sweet things, and if that's not able to happen (which it should!) then make all packaging recyclable by law. And we should ask good companies if they can reduce or remove the silly amounts of plastic they put on food packaging. How about legislation so that every single school should have sensors for all lights, so when someone comes in the lights turn on and off automatically? Can you tell me why people don't plant trees every time someone goes on a flight? Why do they use recycled paper instead of chopping down trees to make paper? If you do not start to make these changes then we won't vote for you we'll vote for someone who cares! Just think you will be so popular everyone will like you because you made a difference to the world.

Yours faithfully Florence (UK)

At school we care about the local habitat and the environment and you should severely cut down on plastic. If you make clear that you can't litter that would be really good. If you do a lot about the peroterous state that we are in you could be as famous as Winston Churchill.

You should also make it illegal to put palm oil in goods and soap and other things. Palm oil destroys nature and kills animals like gorillas and other endangered species of animals.

Yours in anticipation Monty (UK)

I am concerned that the pollution will overtake us in the next decade. I personally think that you should tell the companies that you have to plant 3 more trees if you cut down 1 tree for palm oil, I think we should set an example for the world. WE can be Great Britain. WE should lead the world, I cannot change anything, you can.

WE should have more electric cars. We need to have more things in cardboard boxes. WE should have chocolate and other things in less packing.

WE should stop throwing plastic out of the window and stop polluting the world. You have the power to change something, I have not. You just want to be rich.

Yours in anticipation

Zak

(UK)

In eight years I will be able to vote and if you do not change your actions a lot of people will not be voting for you – including me. The actions you make now will determine my children's future as well as mine.

You need to change things like putting sensors on lights. Making single use plastic illegal and making our planet sustainable for the future. Another big problem is plastic around food, it is unneeded (and single use).

Even though I'm only ten this is my chance to get my voice heard and change our country for the better. As head of Great Britain you need to help us live up to our name. If you make these changes you will be remembered for saving the planet!

Yours sincerely Camilla

(UK)

I am deeply concerned about plastic and other implement. (Climate change is a massive problem). Supermarkets use plastic bags which are exceedingly dreadful. In the next decade we need to make an upturn on it.

We need to recycle and reuse objects. Occasionally people in our class find litter all over our beaches. Our oceans are covered in plastic. The plastic eliminates animals as they can't digest it. This is our future. Please may you make an improvement on it.

Some products like palm oil are bad. WE need to cut down trees to produce it so palm oil is bad but another problem is aeroplane fuel and it is very bad for the environment and the skies. This is your chance to shine as Prime Minister.

Yours sincerely Harrison (UK)

I am greatly worried about our ecosystem and I want to have a future that UI can be proud of. You as the Prime Minister have the power to change that. In eight years time I will be voting for a person that cares about our planet and NOT welfare and money.

Great Britain is not looking up to its name!

The government can change the pollution arte of schools by changing lights to automatic sensor lights. Cars belch out CO2 and polluting gases where as trains don't but are very expensive to go on.

Our planet is endangered and we need to take action. Chocolates and sweet do not come in biodegradable packets, which they should.

My generation deserves a good planet. The oceans are clogging up... Do something.

Yours in anticipation Sebastian (UK)

I hope we could see lovely things happen. I am only in Year Five and I want to not see so much plastic. Every lorry that goes by it can get more wood (cardboard wood) in the lorry than plastic. We also want to stop pollution getting worse in the next decade. We also want to see that all plastic should be banned so that there is not so much in the natural environment we want to see more electric cars than petrol cars. Aeroplanes use up so much energy just to go somewhere from one country to another country. I also want to vote for people who want to make a difference. There is no planet B which means we have to make a difference and now not when the planet is trashed. The future will be destroyed in only 10/20 years time and all the coal and oil will be burned. You are the Prime Minister. I am not, you have to make a difference PLEASE.

Yours hopefully from

Oscar (UK)

I am very concerned about our planet, our beloved planet. I want to have a sustainable world. Plastic is one of the items that pollutes our sea, endangering marine life.

As the younger generation, I think we should all take part in stopping pollution. I don't want a world where children can only go to the zoo to see animals. In this decade, I want to see clear pavements and hedges on the streets.

You and your Government could do something to help us fight for our world. Don't you want to see a clearer ocean too? To see a clear blue sky? Not to breathe in polluted air? That's the world I want to live in.

One of my class mates has been recycling crisp packets. He's doing this to help change the world. Maybe one day, our world will be clean and plastic free. But for now, we can only hope for that to happen.

Just please, please help us. There is no plant B, so make the most of this world.

Look at Australia. Their poor animals are dying because of the fire. Are you just going to let their country burn or are you going to stand with the people? We shall fight to make our world a plastic free place.

One day, our grandchildren will hear the story of us being better people by stopping polluting.

You could be remembered as 'the Prime Minister who stopped pollution'. Don't you want to make a huge change?

Look at McVities Mint Club biscuits. They are coated in plastic! We could change that. Listen to your heart –because your heart tells you want's right- and not your mind. Choose what is right and wrong. Save our planet. WE must find a way to understand global warming and why it is happening.

Yours hopefully Fei (UK)

I am only be 11 but when I'm older I can vote. In the next 10 years, I want to see a clear, eco friendly country.

We are making a start on stopping climate change, you need to as well. Aren't you concerned ? aren't you aware of what's happening? You can innovate, you can legislate and if we carry on fighting and you do that you can change the world.

My family own a hybrid car and will be getting an electric car. More and more people will buy these cars if you invest more money in them, this will make the world a better place. You could introduce more charging points and helping companies make a longer lasting battery. You could also make sure the electricity comes from eco friendly source including solar panels or wind turbines.

Why don't we use recycled cardboard instead of double coated plastic packaging in shops or you could make a rule that for every flight a certain amount of trees are planted. You could make houses with solar panels on so you don't use as much energy. You can ban palm oil coming from deforested areas being in some food. You can make this happen. I'm just a school girl trying to make a difference.

As I said at the beginning of this letter when I'm older |I( can vote and I'll vote for the party making a difference.

Yours hopefully Maya (UK)

Even though I am only 10 years old, I am writing to you to say some certain changes which I would love to happen in the next decade. The pupils at our school have discussed what we can do in our school, it is now what you can do for our country. I really don't want my next generation to only see everyday animals that we can just see in the zoo.

At the moment in time I think about what the Green party would do. They would help making electric cars that don't take too long to charge. They would introduce legislation to make all companies only produce recyclable plastic. What have you and your government managed so far?

At our school we have lights that only turn on when there are people in the room. Why don't you make that a law for all schools? Brexit is important to you, but bigger things like melting ice caps and beautiful blue skies are important to us,. This is our world, you are in charge at the moment, but you are also responsible for looking after it until we inherit it.

Why don't you decide to plant more trees? Also, why don't you decide to make public transport more widely used by making it cheaper/ Another great idea would be to pack toys in cardboard, not clip them in bucketloads of plastic. Recycle crisp packets into park or beach benches. Actually have a go at stopping climate change. The whole world will think of you as a great eco leader.

What about manufacturing a new law? NO litter dropping NO toys packed in plastic. Yes for pencils made of newspaper. Yes for re-using plastic bags. Become an eco leader who I will vote for.

Yours in anticipation Ellen (UK)

I am writing to you to ask some questions about some things that can change in the next 10 years.

First, I would like you to try to get electric cars to charge quicker, so you do not have to wait four hours for it to charge.

I would like you to try your best to change the law so that when you go shopping if you get something the size of a small pen there is too much plastic!! Also to get people to get electric cars so no pollution will come out of it. At the moment they are too expensive. In the next decade, I would like you to try to help the animals in Australia as one billion have died so far.

Also when people go to Australia it takes 24 HOURS of pollution going into the air. And make framing plastic out of your car and house windows they should be arrested for 25 years.

Schools should have automatic lights so people do not forget to turn off the lights and waste electricity.

Our planet is getting destroyed by this plastic and polluted.

I want my children, my grandchildren and great grandchildren to live a happy and safe life with not having to worry about the pollution we have caused.

I really hope you get around to these questions and hope you get them done.

Yours faithfully Georg (UK)

In eight years I will be able to have my say. I will have freedom and if you don't make a change now, you will not have my vote. Throughout life I am supposed to look up to you, being a world leader but at the moment, things have to change!

For now all my concerns lay on pollution. What so you think will happen when there is no oil in the ground? If you haven't realised the world doesn't need us but we need it. I don't want to walk around with a mask on my mouth. I don't want to walk around with no fresh air, no wildlife, no grassland . Your decisions now affect my future, my children's future and their children's future!

Maybe you can ban plastic packaging for shops. At our school we have got lights with sensors. If every school had this I guarantee you would save thousands of pounds a year. When I am older I want to see a clear blue sky, a clear blue sea and a less polluted planet. There is no planet B. Please don't enable people to destroy this one.

Also. I'd like to reduce palm oil ( a cheap chemical causing deforestation). It is in just about everything. Instead we could support our local farmers, who never use it. Another good thing is if we could upgrade the electric cars so the batteries, last longer, the charging takes less time and there are more charging points. I think we also need to stop burning fossil fuels. I also think we need to stop relying on oil because in years to come it will run out meaning no money, no petrol, no cars.

In the end all I am asking for you is a happy fun filled environment. Be remembered, make Britain great again.

Yours in hope, Matthew (UK)

When I see my future, I see fresh air, happy people and a clean environment. But all I see now are, polluted oceans, waste everywhere and a situation we need to solve. In the next decade this is what I want your Government to have changed.: Every aeroplane flight you take, the equivalent number of trees can be planted, to the pollution that an aeroplane deposits into the atmosphere. In shops instead of double wrapped plastic you can use cardboard/paper bags, especially for fruit and vegetables. Also you can encourage investment into more electric cars, causing more people to buy them. This will be taking a step forward to helping the environment. The increased money from buying them can go to more charging points and longer lasting batteries.

Just by changing one thing it could change the whole world's actions. Even by making a solar-panelled aeroplane you can be making a healthier future for us. I know I am only 11 but in 7 years I can vote and I won't vote for you if you don't change some of these things.

In school we have been discussing this and we have tried to help by installing lights that have sensors. If every school could do this you, the Government could save an awful lot of money. If you think the Government is having a crisis, open your eyes and look at what we're doing to the world! Do you want our generation to have a good healthy life? Can't you take a moment to reflect on the ice caps melting and animals having to flee their homes. There is NO planet B!

I am already doing my bit for the environment, will you do yours? Don't just sit there, drive this forward. WE can make Britain great again. Don't waste your time as prime Minister, be the next hero for the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Yours in anticipation Aimee (UK)

#### Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2019

Dear Prime Minister,

I am writing this letter to inform you what state the world is in. Did you know climate change is destroying polar bears' habitats and they are soon going to be extinct? If you don't yield radical action, they will cease to exist forever.

Firstly, I wish to bring your attention to deforestation; I am sure you know what deforestation is but let me remind you. Deforestation is when mankind chop down vast amounts of forests. Did you know more than 70% of the Amazon forests have been obliterated for the sake of human greed? An estimated 80% of the forests in the world have been lost.

Secondly, I would like to tell you about recycling and plastic. Humans are carelessly throwing away micro plastic items resulting in the death of sea creatures so I think we should ban all plastic items or make them into a new material. Did you know only 1% of plastic shopping bags are recycled? If you look at the UK, all newspapers are 100% recycled. The last thing I'm going to say is that plastic takes 450 years just to begin decomposing. It takes another 50-80 years to be completely decomposed. This also means that every piece of plastic ever made has not even started decomposing.

Finally, this last paragraph is about vehicles. I know you are a generous man and you would do anything in your power to help this great, fabulous and magnificent planet. You may think vehicles are not dangerous but I disagree. Motor vehicles are releasing gas that is dirtying the air and trapping heat in the atmosphere and liquefying the ice caps which are the habitats to polar bears. I would like you to invent a new source of traveling or at least explore the source of electrical cars. Maybe you could ban cars. All I wish for you to do is save the Earth!

To conclude, deforestation, over usage of plastic and cars are my three reasons why climate change is a problem but there are many, many more. You've got the power to stop this proceeding so why are you not using it? If you still do not agree to help, then I would like you to read it once again and just visualise it and ponder about all of those poor animals.

Yours sincerely, Bashar (UK)

I am writing to tell you about climate change. I, along with my class mates, think that you can do more about this crisis. You have a change. Use it before it's too late! I need you to do more, we need you to do more, our planet needs you to do more, please do more. We have 11 years, which is not long. I hope you take drastic action to save our brilliant blue planet.

Firstly, I wish to bring your attention to the monumental issue of plastic. It may be cheap and easy to make but it has a dark side. It kills hundreds of thousands of sea creatures and could still be out there. Did you know plastic takes 450 years just to start decomposing? We need to recycle or we will face extinction. Our children and our future generations. Help recycle.

Secondly, trees are dwindling over the edge of extinction. People are carelessly cutting down trees without a thought. No laws, no limit to how many trees they cut down or animals they kill. Yes, animals are being killed. Would you like it if I destroyed your home and killed you? No you would not. So get on your hands and knees to help save animals and even us by planting trees.

Lastly, cars are one of the biggest polluters for they emit greenhouse gases which are very hazardous. Like deforestation, cars are making animals ill and even killing them! Furthermore, they are melting the ice caps and flooding places like Spain and many more. I think you should go green and walk to the shops instead of going in a car or go electric and save our planet. You have the power to save us all!

I hope you can appreciate the major problems of climate change. These are just three of the many, many problems. Do your bit and help our dying planet!

Yours sincerely, James (UK)

I am writing to inform you of the crisis of our world no longer existing! I feel that you aren't helping the environment but destroying it. If you won't help, then we'll have to take action. Do you want our planet to be destroyed? Everyone else is trying to stop this crisis including Chris Packham, Sir David Attenborough and Greta Thunberg so why aren't you? Our next year on this planet will be the best but our next year may not finish if we don't stop the giant crisis that will soon consume our planet!

For my first reason, I have immense concerns about deforestation for us and for the animals because if we have no trees, we can't breathe and we'll die! Deforestation is killing animals' habitats, therefore killing them. Soon the world will die from lack of oxygen. Will you help stop it? I'd like you to stop people from cutting down these beautiful pieces of nature and to plant more and more so everyone and animals can live happily.

My next point happens everywhere in the world. A lack of recycling spreads quickly. It may be a small thing at first but then it starts to grow. A lack of recycling makes a lot of problems. It kills animals and takes years to decompose. The tiniest thing can make a huge difference in the world. I'd like you to recycle and stop using plastic.

Global Warming is one of the biggest problems. It has a giant impact in the world. It's melting the ice in Antarctica. The animals won't survive if this carries on. It is a menace. Global warming is a terrible thing. I'd like you to stop greenhouse gases and stop cars.

To conclude, there are many things out there that I could include. These are only three causes of disaster. Everybody needs your support, your strength and your friendship. Will you help us in our time of need? You will win the upcoming election if you help the world. I promise you that you will be adored by everyone if you help with this crisis!

I look forward to hearing your response.

Yours sincerely, Jamie (UK)

I am writing to explain how little I think you are doing to save the environment and us! We have now brought this upon ourselves and we need to stop this climate crisis. There is no other world to run to. THIS IS IT. Everyone thought that you would at least try to save our planet. On our planet live some of the most amazing creatures and we cannot afford to lose these things. You may think that polar bears and tigers are dangerous but actually we're the dangerous ones. We are more dangerous than volcanoes because we are killing our planet! You're a strong and determined character and if we work together we can save our planet. I hope you will take drastic action soon enough. Are you really just going to let the world suffer?

Firstly, there is a problem with plastic. It kills all of our beautiful creatures one by one. Almost 800 species on Earth have become extinct. People carelessly chuck rubbish away and if it gets into the sea it could kill millions of innocent sea creatures. Also, something else is killing our animals. Because of climate change, the planet is getting warmer and the ice is melting and harming the polar bears. To stop this, we need to work together and stop littering.

Secondly, trees are being chopped down for the sake of human greed. An estimated 80% of the world's forests have already been lost to deforestation and more than 70% of forests in the Amazon have disappeared. Palm oil is a real threat to orang-utans because there trees are being chopped down to get it. Some people have been doing palm oil- free shops. Customers are doing their bit so why aren't you?

Thirdly, I need to talk about cars. They emit greenhouse gases which are causing climate change. You can stop this by introducing more electric cars and encouraging people to walk more than drive in their cars. If we can stop people driving cars than we can stop letting out greenhouse gases and that means that we can stop climate change once and for all!

To conclude, by 2030 our planet will not be blooming with life as it was before. You are not taking enough action and our planet is dying. We may not see eye to eye with many things but I am sure we can work together to save our planet. You may not care about our future but you could at least try to save the future generation of people to come.

Yours sincerely, Sophie (UK)

I am writing this letter to inform you that our world is slowly dying and you are taking no dramatic action. If we do nothing in the next 30 years, we will all die from a lack of oxygen and global warming. If we compare this damage to 2018, you will see a big change. We need to plant more trees. If trees are being cut down at an alarming rate, what are you doing? Here are 3 threats to our planet.

Firstly, pollution. Pollution is a real threat to our planet and is a sea-killing monster. If we don't depollute the sea, we will die ourselves. Did you know that throughout history, over 1.42 trillion pieces of waste have been dumped into the oceans? Furthermore, lots of plastic bags have been swallowed and digested by turtles. There is now an 8th continent called the Great Pacific Garbage Patch, which has diabolical effects. I think a good solution to this is to remove it.

Secondly, deforestation. Deforestation can lead to many animal species becoming extinct but more commonly, apes. As a result of deforestation, there will be a lack of oxygen. Did you know that more than 70% of the Amazon's trees are being cut down at an alarming speed? All animals in the forests are being killed for the sake of human greed.

Finally, greenhouse gases. Greenhouse gases are a lethal weapon to our planet and can cause continental damage. Did you know that greenhouse gases cause sea levels to rise because they warm up the atmosphere and melt the ice caps? These gases are produced by any petrol and diesel. Any car can produce it so make the legs work! If we use bikes to transport, we will start to save the world!

To conclude, deforestation, pollution and greenhouse gases are just 3 causes of climate change. I hope my letter is persuasive enough. To terminate this demolition, I suggest you should tell the press to sow more trees and remove every single piece of plastic in the sea. You have one life- don't waste it, use it wisely.

Yours sincerely, Tyler (UK)

## NIGERIA

Dear Mr President,

Sir,

## CLIMATE CHANGE EFFECTS AND WAYS TO REMEDY IT

Climate change occurs when changes in Earth's climate system results in new weather patterns that remains in place for an extended period of time.

This length of time can sometimes last for decades and may even span over millions of years.

Scientist have identified many episodes of climate change during earth's geological history; more recently since the industrial revolution the climate has increasingly been affected by human activities

Climate change has various consequences for sea level changes plant life, mass extinctions and even affects the human societies.

Your Excellency sir, below are a few ways climate change can be tackled;

- Conservation: A plan for avoiding unnecessary use of natural materials such as wood, water or fuel.
- Deforestation: clearing or thinking of forest by humans to make the land available for other uses. This has adverse effects on wild life, ecosystems, weather, patterns etc
- Desertification: Also called desertization, the process by which natural or human causes reduce the biological productivity of dry lands.
- Mitigation: The act of reducing how harmful or unpleasant a thing is.

I hope that through your esteemed office a lasting solution will be preferred on the subject matter.

Thanking you

Yours sincerely Daphne (Nigeria)

### THE EFFECT OF CLIMATE CHANGE AND WHAT CAN BE DONE TO REMEDY IT

My name is Jason. It is my pleasure to write to you on the above topic.

Climate change is any significant long term change in expected patterns of average weather of a region or the whole earth over a significant period of time. Climate change is a global challenge that has no boarders and to combat it requires coordination work by all countries.

Climate change is affecting the world in so many ways such as: loss of sea ice, accelerated sea level rise and longer, more intense heat, alteration to Earth geological, biological and ecological system. In Nigeria, climate Change also affects people living in poverty, the increase frequency and intensity of extreme weather events like hurricanes, wildfires and droughts threatens the worlds food supply, separates family, increase the risk of conflict, hunger and poverty.

The possible remedy that can be done to remedy the effect of climate change involves reducing the flow of heat-trapping greenhouse gases into the atmosphere, either by reducing sources of these gases (for example, the burning of fossil fuels for electricity, heat or transport) or enhancing the "sinks" that accumulate and store these gases.

Thank you

Yours Faithfully, Jason (Nigeria)

## Climate change is affecting the world

I think climate change is affecting the world by flooding streets, getting cars spoil now and then, it kills people by drowning them, it pulls down trees and houses, it can cause famine, it can cause hurricanes and getting houses and household equipment.

When the climate change is in a sunny form and very much, it can cause you scarcity of food, NEPA take light all the time because the water at Kainji dam is dry due to the heat wave, very much sweat and heat rash all over the body, children fall sick, and convulse and getting people darker.

#### How you can remedy it

You can remedy climate change in rain form, by getting the government to construct **drainages** and build strong houses with good doors and windows, help farmers in food production.

You can remedy climate change in sunny form by, getting good roads, securing the Kainji dam by getting something to cover the dam, getting an AC in every house to do that you must have a lot of light in the country, to get plenty of medicine in all hospitals around us.

These are different situations of climate change.

(Nigeria)

# AUSTRALIA

Dear Future,

You have asked me what I hope in the future. Here is what I think:

I hope that in Australia in the future, the First Nations people take care of the land because they know how to take care of nature and deal with bushfires. Also I hope more people will listen to First Nations people and have more respect for them and everyone will get treated equally.

I hope that people will start using electric cars or bikes more often to get to places if they can because that would make a big difference. There would be less traffic if people used bicycles more or walked to places.

I hope that in the future the race of someone will not be used against them and we will all be accepted and accept others.

From Anouk (Australia)

## MEXICO

Estimados y Estimadas Líderes del Mundo:

Somos una niña y un niño mexicanos de 8 y 10 años de edad. Nosotros hemos aprendido que la atmósfera es muy importante, gracias a ella existe la vida en la tierra. Gracias a ella podemos respirar y no morirnos de frío por que en ella hay gases que se llaman de efecto invernadero, los humanos necesitamos estos gases pero el problema es que hemos puesto un exceso de estos gases en la atmósfera, con la contaminación de las fábricas, los carros, los aviones y entonces calentamos la Tierra! y si la Tierra se calienta mucho la vida va ser difícil y peligrosa, hasta imposible!

Queremos pedirles a ustedes que en todos los países los niños y las niñas puedan entender lo que le estamos haciendo a nuestro planeta, que se los expliquen en sus escuelas y que sus padres también lo entiendan y les expliquen por que si lo entendemos podemos cambiarlo. También creemos que es su responsabilidad hacer reglas para que ya no echemos tantos gases de efecto invernadero a la atmósfera.

Cómo esto es problema de todos también las soluciones deben ser de todos y entonces ustedes tienen que aprender a dialogar para ponerse de acuerdo y trabajar en equipo.

Nosotros somos unos hermanos que a veces nos peleamos y estamos aprendiendo a ya no pelear y ser buen equipo entonces les podemos dar algunos consejos: no deben burlarse unos de otros, deben escucharse con respeto y ponerse atención y mirarse a los ojos (esto se llama escucha activa), deben escuchar todos los puntos de opinión, y practicar mucho esto por que no es fácil! pero sí usamos la inteligencia de todas y todos podremos salvar al mundo empezando con el Amazonas que es como nuestro pulmón, con todos esos árboles que nos donan oxígeno y se llevan los gases efecto invernadero.

También queremos pedirles que escuchen mas a las mujeres y a los pobres y que no se burle nadie de ellos, por que si somos crueles no vamos a salvar el mundo

Nosotros también queremos comprometernos a dejar de usar tanta electricidad, plantar y cuidar arboles, dejar de comprar plástico y aprovechar la vida que tenemos haciendo más paz.

Gracias por su atención María y Emiliano (Mexico)

# INDIA

My Name is Nishita. I want to talk about water problems.

We have many problems in our village. Many tourists come to enjoy themselves. In summer around 20,000 people can come in one day. We don't have enough toilets for them as we have only 2 toilets and we don't have enough water for cooking, bathing, washing clothes and dishes and for drinking. We are not growing crops because we don't have enough water. In summer we carry water from the falls in bottles.

When tourists come, they buy water in plastic water bottles drink it. We have tourists coming in our village and they use all the water then they throw it on the road here and there. They do very bad things. They don't use toilets, mostly because there are only two public toilets in Kempty Falls. So they pee on the side of the road and this pee goes under the ground and into the river water.

Nishita

I am 13 years old. Today I am going to tell you about the problems that we face in our village every day.

The water is coming less from the rivers. The rain is less thoughout the year, especially in summer. The rivers, ponds and lakes are getting dirty by people throwing garbage and plastic in them. The environment is getting dirty and dusty by burning the plastic and garbage, construction and emissions from factories and industries.

Please do something to stop climate change. Thank you.

Himanshu (India) Dear Respected World Leaders,

In my village we have a huge water problem.

In the summer time the rain is very scarce and the water quantity is less. Nowadays people are building more houses, so the water is less and often for two or three days the water does not come at all. Here the water comes at only one time, 7 o'clock in the evening and sometimes it comes at 10 o'clock at night when people are already sleeping.

In the winter there is lots of water, but the water is not clean. For some people, whether the water is clean or not, they drink that water and become sick and sometimes they can die. In summer, the clean water comes only two times, in the morning and night, and in winter time people are building houses and so the clean water is used for that, and we might not get water for one or two days.

People are throwing garbage and plastic in the river ,on the land and in the water. This makes lots of pollution. They also burn the plastic and garbage. With so much plastic being produced, everything we buy is in a plastic wrapping. But we live in a rural area and there is no government plan for collecting recyclables. We have no choice, but to throw it down the mountain or burn it, which adds to the carbon in the air. In summer time, it is worse, because we have so many tourists who also throw their garbage everywhere.

Please do something to improve the living condition for my generation and the generation to come.

Thank you Anjali (India)

#### Dear world Leaders.

My name is Vipin. I want to say something about water problems in my village.

In my village of Lacquamandal, during the summer time we are receiving much less rain water than ever before. This creates difficulties for my village. In my village we have lots of water problems. Everybody wants water, but they can't get it because we have only one tank, but three other villages all rely on that same water from a single tank. In our village population is constantly increasing and everybody wants water for their daily needs like for drinking, making food, washing clothes, and watering the crops and animals. Sometimes they all come to the tank and fight with each other over this water. I don't like to see people fight like this.

In my village farmers have difficulties to grow their crops because of the lack of water. The soil is also changing, and we cannot grow the same crops that we typically would grow due to the dry soil, which creates many difficulties, not only for the farmers but also our villagers.

Another issue we face is deforestation. Some people are cutting down all the trees to build homes, furniture, chairs, tables, etc. If we continue cutting down all of our trees, our natural resources will diminish, and then we will have difficulties to get things from the jungle.

In my village, we have to burn our trash to get rid of it, which only adds to the air pollution, and global warming. We need a better system of avoiding this pollution. We also have to burn our grass, in order to grow new crops. The problem with this is when the grass is burned; the roots die which leads to erosion, which makes it even more difficult to grow crops in the future.

Lots of people are contributing to pollution and if we continue to pollute, it creates CO<sup>2</sup> which affects our ozone layer. As we know, the ozone layer works as a blanket for world. If this pollution remains, certainly it will damage our ozone layer. The Earth is warming up too fast, which I have seen with my own eyes up in the mountains. The ice is melting faster than ever and our ocean are rising quickly so we will have difficulties to live in my lifetime, if the ozone layer continues to be damaged.

I would love to see a future where my people do not have to face these problems every day. Please understand how important it is that these issues need to be resolved now, or my children will have an even more difficult life than me. Thank you for reading my letter and I hope it makes a difference.

Vipin (India)

#### Date- 3rd February 2020

#### Dear World Leaders,

My name is Rajeev. My village is fully surrounded by Himalayan Mountains. I am going to write about some climatic change issues faced by us in our local area.

In the summers there is a lot less water and there are a lot of people who use it. It is used by our locals as well as thousands of tourist who come to stay here. There is little to no fresh drinking water in the dry summer months, so tourists buy water bottles to drink fresh water. After drinking that water, they throw those water bottles on ground. These cause garbage and pollution problems. They buy bottles of water because there is little pipe water to drink. When at night we come on roads, then the roads are full of empty bottles and plastic bags. There are not that many dustbins for us to collect the garbage. And all the plastic gets burned or thrown down the mountainside. That plastic gets inside the soil and trees cannot grow because of the amount of pollution in our soil.

Because of the water shortage there are many crops which aren't able to grow – one example is rice, which is an essential part of our diet. Just a few years ago we could grow rice in Kempty but now we aren't able to grow it, all which makes it difficult for our families to get proper nutrition.

There is shortage of water because of less rainfall and less snowfall on ground. Earlier, in the 1980s we had lots of snow which stayed for weeks, but now snow melts in only one or two days . As a result, the ground water is also drying up. This is all because of less trees in our area, too much carbon in the air, and climate change. People are cutting trees around the world day by day. Our government has put a ban on tree cutting, but our grandparents notice that the trees which are there to grow can't grow because of soil pollution. If there are less trees, the rainfall is also affected.

I hope to see a change in this situation soon, because if there is no change, I doubt my people will be able to live in our beautiful area much longer.

Rajeev (India)

Hello, my name is Hardik . I want to tell you about the problems in my village.

In my village most of the people are farmers. They all grow crops or rear animals and for that they need water. Due to the global warming there is a lot less rain these days, so we have very little water. Water resources are drying up; the forest area is becoming less; and there is not enough water so crops are not very good. Many crops fail and many people in my village are starting to look for jobs outside the village.

As the Earth is becoming warmer due to global warming the glaciers are melting down quickly . Due to  $CO^2$  emissions from burning of plastic, the ozone layer is getting a big hole in it. When we burn garbage the pollution goes in the air and makes the big hole in the ozone layer. That's why the Earth is getting warmer. We burn garbage in our villages because we don't have anywhere to put all the plastic. Sometimes people in our area burn the forest because they think after monsoon the grass will come back better, but this is not true.

We need water in our villages for many things; drinking, bathing, washing clothes, watering our crops, and watering our animals. If we don't have water, we can't live in our villages anymore.

Please do something about global warming. Thank you,

Hardik (India)

My name is Gungun. I want to talk about climate changes .

First, climate change reduces the availability of natural resources. Both weather and climate are closely related as weather is a part of climate. Several factors determine the daily weather of a place . Some of these factors are temperature, air ,pressure, wind ,humidity, sunshine and cloud cover The climate of an area is determined on the basis of the weather condition of the that area for a periodof time .

In our village our crops depend on weather and all farmers depend on weather for growing crops. We need rain for crops, but in our area we are getting less and less rain, so we cannot grow so many crops anymore.

Please stop climate change. Thank you,

Gungun (India)

My name is Aryan. Today I am going to discuss our water problems.

In our village we have many water problems. There is not enough rain in our village and less water in the ground which also dries up in the summer time. Nowadays there is no more snow in our village, so have less water in the ground. People are fighting for water. The temperature is getting warmer because of less rain and snow. When we have no water it makes it difficult to live our lives. In the water our families have to wash clothes, make food, water our crops and give animals water to drink. This is why people are fighting for water because many people have to use water to survive.

All things are made up of plastic nowadays. Everything we buy from the shop comes in plastic. But what do we do with the plastic? There are no trucks to take the plastic away. So we throw it down the mountain or we burn it. This is not good as it puts more CO<sup>2</sup> in the air.

These are problems that we face every day. Please help make a positive difference in our future. Thank you.

Aryan (India)

My name is Aneesh. Today I am going to discuss the problems about weather and water.

In our village we have many water problems. There is not enough rain in our village. But there is also less water in the ground our canal is also drying up in the summer time. The climate change problems are causing no more snow in our village. With less water in the ground people are fighting for water. Because they have to wash clothes, make food and give animals water. In our area there are less crops grown because there is less water and because the soil is not as fertile anymore.

The temperature is getting warmer because of pollution and CO<sup>2</sup> emissions. Now all things are made of plastic which ends up in the water because we have no way to recycle plastic. Due to the burning of plastic, the ozone layer is being harmed. There is a big hole in the ozone layer due to the increase of CO<sup>2</sup>.

Thank you for reading my letter. Please do something about Global Warming.

Aneesh

### February 4th 2020

#### **Dear World Leaders**

My name is Akash. The problem in our village is that the rain is less so the crops are growing less and snow is less and less throughout the year and the glaciers are melting very quickly. All things are made with plastic now, so people are throwing plastic in the river and in the mountains. If animals eat it they will get sick and die.

In the summer, the water of the Aglar, Yamuna and Ganges Rivers is much less. We do not have enough water these days to grow crops. If we burn plastic it affects the amount of rainfall, but we have no other choice. Everything we have comes in plastic wrapping and there is no provision in place for us to even recycle these plastics.

Another issue in my area is overpopulation. Because of this all of those problems I have matured and are only become worse. There is less water for everyone and more garbage and pollution than ever before.

I appreciate you reading my letter. I hope this will open the eyes of our World Leaders to see that there needs to be immediate change to solve these issues, because they will only get worse if nothing is done.

## Akash

## February 3rd 2020

#### Dear World Leaders,

My name is Ajeet. As the earth is becoming warmer due to global warming, the glaciers are melting too quickly and the rain is and snow are becoming less so the rivers are also becoming less.

Clean air is essential for a healthy environment, however the air that we breath now is polluted and contains harmful substances in high amounts, and for long periods of time. This kind of pollution greatly affects the health of all living beings.

With Carbon emissions, and too much plastic, the soil also gets polluted. It is not good when we use too many pesticides and fertilizers in the soil for growing crops. Soil pollution may also occur when we throw waste from factories, farmers, mines, hospitals, and homes on the land.

We want a happy life, and clean villages to grow up in so please help stop this climate change.

Ajeet (India) February 3rd, 2020

Dear World Leaders,

My name is Aditiya. Today I am going to discusses our water problems in our village.

We have many water problems. There is not enough main in our village because there is less water in the ground which also dries up in the summer time. Before 1980, my grandparents said that we used to have snow on the ground for two months in a year. Nowadays there is no snow in our village, and we have less water in the ground. People are fighting for water. The temperature is getting warmer because of less rain and snow.

Aditiya

#### February 4, 2020

#### **Dear World Leaders**

My name is Abha. I am writing about climate changes in my part of the world .

In my village there is not much water because the rain is less and the piped water which comes from the mountain spring is also less, so we cannot grow as much rice as we used to, so in this condition, now we have to buy from shops. People are making more houses and more toilets so they need to use more water. Nowadays, in our village we have made big tanks, but they are mostly empty They help a little bit. In our village people do not grow much rice anymore because rice needs lots of water, but the rain is less. Sometimes, when we get rain it is too much and it destroys our crops. But mostly there in not enough rain.

After school, when we walk to our village, sometimes we take plastic bags and pick garbage and put in a pit. When we burn the plastic carbon goes in the air, so small plants cannot grow.

I do not want to see this problem for the rest of my life and I know you world leaders can make a difference in us kids' futures so please help us.

Abha

My name is Isha. We are here suffering from a water shortage. I would like to inform you about climate change in our area.

There are climate problem in my village. In our village we have a canal, and a pipe which comes from a spring up the mountain, but in summer it dries up. We have one river in our village. We have tourists coming in our village and they use a lot of the water, but we can't tell the tourists to go away because we earn money from them. When the canal and the pipe water dries up we need to go down to the river and carry up four or five buckets. It is hard for our mothers and village ladies. The water is for drinking, bathing, washing clothes, animals and plants. When we have so little water then we can only use it for the most important things. So we can't drink or bath as much.

Nowadays everything we buy comes in plastic. When the tourists come they throw a lot of garbage on the ground. Villagers also do this. But there is no way for us to get rid of the plastic. When the villagers collect the garbage they burn the garbage because there is no garbage collection in our region. So now we have air pollution.

Some people burn there grass lands also. They think if they burn the grass, the next time better grass will come, but this is their misconception. People sometime burn the forest and from the fire animals die and trees get burn when trees get burn so the roots also get and roots are not there to hold the soil than the soil slide down from the mountain and block the road so vehicle stuck on the road for long time.

We need to do something about climate change. We want to have a good life in our villages. Please do something now. Thank you for reading my letter,

Isha

My name is Arushi. I want to say that there are climate problems in my village.

Sometimes there is not enough water. Sometimes there is heavy rain and destroys the crops. Sometimes there is not enough rain and people fight for water. It is very hot here in summer. The tap water becomes very low. So there are no crops because there is less water so it is very difficult for us to grow crops. If we do not grow crops we don't have food to eat. We are depending on the tap water. If there is no water coming from the taps then we have to depend on the rain water, but day by day the rain is becoming less. People are making the rivers, canals, ponds and lakes dirty by washing clothes, utensils, and using soap or detergent, and by bathing their animals there. These are the biggest problems we have. I hope you can do something to help us. Thank you for reading my letter.

## Arushi

My name is Soniya. We are surrounded by the Himalayan Mountains. I want to say something about the water problems in my village.

In my village, in the summer time, the water comes less and we have difficulties. In my village we have lots of water problems. Everybody wants water, but they can't get it because we have only one tank, but from that tank three villages are using the water. Sometimes all the people are fighting with each other for water.

Farmers have difficulties growing crops because the soil is getting so bad. So we can't grow many of the crops that we used to grow in the past. People are moving away from the village to the cities because they cannot make a living from the land anymore.

Please, I hope you can stop the climate change so my village people can continue living in their homes. Thank you.

Soniya

Dear Respected Leaders,

My name is Monisha. I would like to tell you about the climate change and its affect over here.

The climate is changing because of many different things such as; the burning of plastics, factory, industry and vehicle emissions. People are making too much plastic and after using it, people throw it away or they burn it because we don't have any other way to dispose of it. Every time we buy something from the shop, it comes in a plastic package. When we burn plastic it creates carbon which damages our ozone layer. The ozone layer protects us from UV rays. The UV rays cause skin problems like cancer and many other diseases. With the ozone layer being damaged our Earth is warming up and creating global warming.

In my village there is a lack of water in the summer months. After every two or three days a government truck comes to supply water to the villagers. Every family has to fill two buckets of water and they have to use it for many things like; cooking, bathing, and washing clothes and utensils, watering our animals and the plants. It is not easy to do this. So we drink less water and bath very little. Our village has always depended on the rains for our crops and to have enough water to live. But now the rain is very little. We have a well in our village but it dried up so they had to dig a deeper well, but it is also drying up. Our parents used to grow rice, but not any longer because there is no water. They grow wheat in the winter, corn, and some lentils, but they can't grow that much now because of climate change. We can't grow any fruits or plants because of the water shortages. We have always grown mangos, bananas, papaya and lemons, but now these fruits are rarely found. Now around my village are cactus plants, which absorb a lot of the ground water, so there are less plants around.

Please take action against climate change. We need to do something now. Thank you for reading my letter,

Monisha

Dear Respected Leaders,

My name is Annamika. This area is surrounded by the Himalayan Mountains. I want to talk about the climate change in my area.

Here we are facing many water problems. Kempty Falls is a tourist place. Every year thousands of people come here with their families. The population increases one hundred times. Many hotels are built here for tourists. Sometimes people fight over water. During the summer time every day the hotels workers clean their hotels with ten to fifteen buckets of water. In the hotels there is a toilet in each room. Half the water goes into the toilets and towards cleaning them. Many people are pumping the water from the river, but many people don't have pumps so they don't get any water.

The glaciers here are melting down very quickly, so there is less water in the rivers. The monsoons are also not coming on time so the plants are also not getting enough water. Villagers over here are also facing many water problems as there is little water. In some monsoons there can be a lot of water in a few short days which causes a lot of damage. And sometimes there is less rain. The rivers are drying up. Villagers are also not growing as many crops as they used to due to the lack of water.

Many vehicles come here to Kempty Falls every day, which produces a lot of carbon, which makes our Earth's surface warm. This leads to global warming.

Many people here are also facing many skin diseases like skin cancer. It is because the UV rays are falling directly on the Earth's surface. There is a big hole in the Ozone layer. Our plants are not getting enough nutrition. Their leaves are drying up very quickly. The plants are not getting pure Carbon Dioxide. The Oxygen is also less.

Here there is so much plastic everywhere. People throw the plastics down the mountains or they burn it because we don't have any other option. You should take some action on this. You should ban the production of plastics and make more recycling programs.

I hope that you will do something about our Earth and climate change. Thank you for reading my letter.

Annamika

## February 3rd,

Dear Respected World Leaders,

My name is Aditit. We live in the foothills of the Himalayas. Today I am going to tell you about a problem regarding climate change in my region.

We all are facing lots of problems with water, like the glaciers are decreasing because we all are having less rainfall and snowfall. In the monsoon time, the rain is not coming on time. The crops are not getting water properly so we don't have enough grains now. People are burning garbage and plastics. The use of industries and vehicles are producing CO<sup>2</sup>, which is creating global warming in my region. When global warming is crated many bad things are happening, like the hole in the ozone layer is increasing, water resources are decreasing and harmful gases are being produced.

In our area people are having more skin diseases, and cancer. The trees are now having yellow leaves, thin branches and trunks. The trees are producing less fruits. The animals are producing less food because they are not getting proper food and nutrition. Animals, plants and humans are having more diseases. This is all happening because the UV rays, and harmful carbon and methane gases are directly affecting us.

Aditit

My name is Avneesh. In our area the crops are less because there is less water, and because of pollution there is no good or fertile soil.

There are water problems. Many people are fighting for water. My village has less water and people believe the rain is a lot less now. Plants are dying because of this. So dear world leader, I want you to please do something with this problem. Please help us to create a system for recycling, and to clean our homes, and cut back on creating carbon dioxide emissions which change our climate, making it hard for my family to live here. Thank you.

Avneesh

#### **Dear Prime Minister**

Sub: Climate Change and planetary survival over the next ten years.

Climate change is the crisis of today. It has been caused due to the Green House effect. Gases like water vapour, carbon dioxide, methane allow the rays of the Sun to enter the earth's atmosphere but do not allow the heat to escape. Pollution has increased the level of carbon dioxide in the earth's atmosphere causing the planet to warm. As the planet is getting warmer, the polar ice caps are melting and overfilling the ocean with water. This is causing the coastal areas to flood. Soon, the entire earth will be submerged in water if we do not take action. The weather is extremely hot causing not only more storms, more floods but even causing long and continuous droughts. There is an increase of smog in urban areas. This is because smog contains ozone which grows rapidly when it becomes hot. Exposure to smog can cause health problems like asthma, heart disease and lung cancer. Forests are being cut to accommodate the growing population.

Climate change is caused due to human intervention but we can also find ways to combat these problems for our survival. We can start by switching away from the fossil fuels slowly, that way we will be able to preserve our natural resources. We can encourage cycling as a method of transport instead of cars or motorbikes. Efficient public transport should be provided to reduce the number of cars on the road. We should build more solar panels and windmills to help produce energy. This type of energy is called renewable energy. Renewable energy does not produce greenhouse gases so it is safe for the earth. We can have more programmes to plant trees which will help in reducing carbon dioxide levels in the earth's atmosphere. WE can encourage the use of energy saving LED bulbs and tubes. We should collect and recycle garbage effectively.

I would like to thank you for taking time to read my letter. You are our hope for a better and shining India and can make it a better place to live in.

Thank you,

Yours faithfully Rishabh (India) Dear World Leaders,

I am Mishti, Pune. I am 8 years old, but I think I won't be able to make it even 30 years on planet Earth as my lungs are choking up slowly under the monster called CLIMATE CHANGE.

My mother Earth gave me everything I needed. She gave me food, shelter, water and a beautiful world but now my mother is crying in pain. We have done serious, ire-parable damage to our planet and taken the resources like air, water for granted.

The industries are openly flouting industrial norms and burning fossil fuels and this smoke from the industries is increasing emission of green house gases day by day. Climate change is a neglected topic in the Parliament. My green planet has just become a bare rock as we are cutting down ample of trees in the name of infrastructural development resulting in soil erosion. Our holy rivers contain sewage. Rivers have become a dumping ground of garbage like plastic bottles, garlands. In the name of a holy bath we are just polluting our rivers. Marine life is in danger as polluted water is entering into big water bodies like the oceans. Floods, droughts, less rainfall, heat waves are all outcome of climate change and are affecting jobs, farming, increasing diseases and killing thousands. The last decade was India's hottest on record with National Weather Office calling this as the impact of global warming. Last year there were 8 cyclones over the North Indian Ocean.

Mishti (India) Dear World Leaders,

I, Mehak, would like to draw your attention towards the problem our world is facing today.

Take your memories back to when you were a child and imagine people around you drowning in a flood, their house being burnt and destroyed in a fire or they are being starved with no food at all. I am sure that as a child, you would have felt helpless and powerless that in spite of knowing the root causes of the problems, you were able to contribute very little. That is exactly how my friends and I are feeling right now.

The environment is drastically being affected by global warming, pollution and natural disasters like earthquakes and volcanic eruptions. Plants, animals and people are all threatened by these changes.

There is a lot of air pollution causing severe health problems. These are a few things we can do to help solve this problem. To begin with, we can carpool with others and make sure we use CNG gas in our vehicles so that the air won't be polluted.

You should also encourage everyone you know to plant a tree every day. In 10-15 years, when it is fully grown, it will be huge help to our environment. The oxygen levels will increase so much that everywhere, you will be surrounded by fresh and healthy air to breathe in.

Since global warming is a problem across the world and if all great minds of great leaders like you come together, the world will be beautiful.

Therefore, I would like to request you on behalf of my friends to kindly enforce action, which will make our world a clean, happy and safer place to live in. We as children would have to contribute in every way possible to make this goal a reality.

Yours sincerely, Mehak (India) Dear world leaders,

'Heal the world...

Make it a better place, for you and for me and the entire human race, There are people dying, if you care enough for the living Make a better place for you and for me'

These lyrics from the 1991 Michael Jackson song were showing reality back then and now, it is more relevant and should be taken seriously.

I want to express my concerns over the climate changes and global warming challenges facing our Earth.

If there is anything common amongst all humans and which is shared equally, it is our precious Earth.

If there is anything we can leave behind for our next generations, it is our precious Earth.

We have only one Earth and it is bruised with pollution, contamination, mining and various such activities which is resulting in global warming and climate changes. Are we going to leave behind such a bruised and contaminated earth for our children?

Imagine that you are a parent of three children. Your first child is suffering from diarrhoea due to drinking contaminated water. Your second child has been infected with malaria. Your third child has breathing problems and is currently hospitalized. You are called to the hospital; urgently and you drive over in a car emitting black smoke. The doctor calls you inside and says, "Your child has a severe case of asthma. His lungs are filled with smoke. I highly recommend fixing your car and using CNG instead of petrol. Petrol makes cars give out smoke, which is what made your son ill. But CNG is eco-friendly. I would also recommend planting five trees outside your house, so your family will have an income of fresh air everyday". This situation is not science fiction, but a real situation. There will come a time when doctor's prescriptions will not be medicines, but would be to plant trees and take a walk in the woods.

Climate change is not a far-off situation, instead, it is a pending doom quite close. The main cause of global warming is cutting down of trees. Trees are our Earth's lungs and we are slowly cutting off our lung supply. This is causing multiple failures in the environment stability. The trapped heat on earth is causing the polar ice caps to melt. The Antarctic alone is made up of 30 million cubic kilometres of ice which, when melted down, forms 2500tons of water. This alone is enough to drown the whole of Australia along with its people and animals. Think of how much would be lost if low lying places started disappearing. This is one of the most important reasons why we should try to stop global warming. IT is looming over us like a gigantic monster and yet we are not taking any efforts to prevent it. The state laws are failing to recognise the importance of trees, and we are losing them when we require them the most.

People like Greta Thunberg, our young environmental activist, and Jeff Besos, who donated 10 billion dollars towards climate change, have recognised this international threat and are working towards it. For example, Gregory Moore, Doctor of Botany at the University of Melbourne, has been preparing students for climate change since the 1980s. he has created an app on what to do when the earth gets warmer.

'The world will not be destroyed by those who do evil, but by those who watch them without doing anything.' This beautiful quote was said by Albert Einstein. We are the first generation to feel the sting of global warming and we need to make sure that we are the last generation to get affected by it.

Yours sincerely, Mahi (India) Dear World leaders,

A girl who is trying to make her world's future full of harmony is writing to you.

It is true that our earth is not inherited from our ancestors but it is borrowed from the children. The future of our earth are we the children and we want to make our future problem free. Currently it is not like that, rather it is totally opposite.

We are facing water shortage and our pollution which is leading to diseases. Ultra-violet rays are entering the earth. The natural resources are getting over used causing to their decline. We need to take united steps or our beloved earth will be gone forever.

I imagine my future to be full of happiness and in harmony with nature. I would like my world to be colourful and not a bare world we are heading towards. I would like the natural resources to be used carefully, It would be lovely to have clean rivers all over the earth. In that world no one would be wasting a single drop of water. There would be clean and refreshing water for all living beings. The ozone hole will be stitched back together offering protection to the earth. Help us to create this harmonious future will you?

Thank you Yours truly Aarya

#### **Dear Prime Minister**

Subject: the dangers of Climate Change and planetary survival over the next 10 years

I am writing to you to express my concern regarding the dangers of climate change. The gradual heating of the earth's surface, ocean and atmosphere is posing a threat to the humans and wild animals. Human activity like the burning of fossil fuels release carbon dioxide, methane and other greenhouse gases into the atmosphere. As the level of carbon dioxide increases, the oceans absorb some of that gas which increases the acidity of sea water and affects the marine organisms. Marine organisms like corals and oysters make shells out of calcium carbonate and their shells dissolve in acid solutions. Coral reefs have also been bleached of their colours. Deforestation also leads to climate change. The rising sea levels due to the melting of the polar ice caps are contributing to greater storm damage, warming ocean temperatures are causing stronger and more frequent storms. An increase in the incidence and severity of wildfires is threatening habitats, homes and lives. Heavy downpours lead to flooding. More frequent and intense droughts and heat waves are threatening crops, wildlife and fresh water supplies. Climate change threatens to diminish crop yield harming food security. Change in climate also causes the mosquitoes to expand their territory and spread disease. Due to the change in climate the future of people and planet are at stake.

Therefore, steps must be taken to control the human activities that cause change in the climate. We must urgently reduce carbon pollution and prepare for the consequences of global warming. Fossil fuel needs to be quickly replaced with cleaner, renewable energy like wind and solar power. Forests protect the planet so deforestation must be stopped and more trees planted. Companies should adopt sustainable business practices that are economically viable, socially responsible and environmentally friendly. Policies that are effective at reducing emissions must be implemented. We also need a climate friendly agricultural system to reduce fertilizer pollution. Saving the environment starts with us and so we should become more energy efficient and unplug the gadgets when not in use. People should use public transportation to cut out emissions. Climate change cannot be stopped but it can be slowed down so we need to adapt to the changing climate. We need to do a lot more to preserve the planet for future generations. All the countries of the world should work together before it is too late.

I thank you for taking the time to read the letter.

Thanking you, Yours faithfully Aarush

# RUSSIA

Dear World Leaders,

My name is Philippe, I live in St. Petersburg, second largest city in Russia. It is the Nordic city, located at the Baltic Sea. Our winters were always very cold, with a lot of snow. The year I was born, 2009, was extremely snowy, and the next one as well. My mom says it was so much snow that she was not able to use the stroller to go outside with me for a walk.

Every winter I go ski with my family – we have nice forests and lakes to do cross-country ski, very close to the city. In winter the forest is covered by snow and the lake is frozen. The winter this year, however, was not usual at all: there were almost no snow. Temperature was about 0 degree Celsius. No ski and even the city looks different and very strange.

Another strange thing is happening right now in Siberia, far from St. Petersburg. They report extremely hot summer this year, up to 38 degree Celsius. This is not usual for people living in Siberia, and they are not ready for that change. It is something new for my home city and for the whole country. I believe this is somehow related to climate change.

Philippe (Russia)

# USA

## Dear World Leaders,

My name is Aaliyah and I am very concerned about our Earth in the next ten years. Some things we can do is use less tv, lights, coal, electricity, meat, plastic bottles, and plastic straws. You can start by using metal and glass.

The Earth has changed in one year. We need to change all of this. It might be hard but we can do it. Anything would help as long as it stops. You need to try your best to stop many people will just through stuff like plastic, bags, bottles, and straws.

World leaders can do many things to help the world. One thing is that they can advise people about helping the earth. They can also educate others about climate change. Last they can make it a law to help the world about climate change and global warming.

Sincerely,

Aaliyah (USA) Dear Heads of State,

My name is Victoria and I think we need to change how we live. One reason why I think we should change is because we use too many fossil fuels. Sure, we need gas, but we could use less fossil fuels by riding bikes more, carpooling or we could even reduce, reuse, and recycle. Why I think we need to use less fossil fuels is because when we drive a car with gas we are polluting. Polluting can hurt our way of life.

Another way I think we need to change is that we need to stop cutting down trees daily. If we cut down too many trees, the air won't be fresh and the animals we hunt for food will die from pollution.

These are all my reasons I think we should change how we live.

Sincerely, Victoria (USA)

#### November, 2019

#### Dear World Leaders,

My name is Saylah Mae and I'm very concerned about our earth over the next ten years. Can there be more than 100 fossil fuels? We waste way too many fossil fuels each day. There could be tons used each month! Just think of how much we would use over the next ten years! We are a very BIG source of this problem. We are the ones who used too many fossil fuels. I think we could stop using so many.

I think I can stop using so many fossil fuels. I can make sure that the lights are off in a room when I'm not in there. I can plant more plants. I can take shorter showers and not leave the water running. I can make sure that everyone else can try and do things that I'm doing to help our Earth and climate change.

I think the world leaders should do something about climate change. They could do a lot more things than I could. They could create more parks. They could reduce the amount of things we have so that the factories don't give off a lot of smoke. Everyone could try and use solar panels. The world leaders could do a lot more than people do. They could make climate change be a lot better if everyone pitched in.

I hope you can help!

Sincerely, Saylah Mae (USA) Dear world leaders,

My name is Raelyn and I am very concerned about our Earth over the next ten years. My first opinion is that if we don't do something in the next ten years it could do a lot of damage and harm.

I have another thought. I think we use less energy then we wouldn't use as much fossil fuels, so we could have more in the future. The one way we could do that is by inventing lights that use solar energy or reduce electricity.

World Leaders can make laws that make people recycle because if we don't, then our waters will be polluted and our Earth will be a big trash waste. I also think there should be a law that if someone catches you polluting the ocean, the government has the right to tell you to stop polluting the area. My third reason on what you can do is start a shack on the beach to get people walking to help collect trash along the beach. This is what I think you could do to change our planet.

Sincerely, **Raelyn** (USA) Dear Heads of State,

I thought that we did not use many fossil fuels.

First, if we don't stop and think then we might become extinct. We can think and stop global warming. My family and I are scared of what will happen in the future. A way we can help is doing car pools and shutting off lights when we go out.

Second, there are many ways to stop using fossil fuels. I hope you, as leaders, can help stop us from using a lot of them. I am scared that if we use fossil fuels we can have bad weather that will change our Earth.

Lastly, if we have used all of the fossil fuels in the world, what do you think will happen? I hope that we do not come to that. I hope people do not use up all of the fossil fuels. I know we don't have many years, so I hope this gets solved.

Sincerely, McKinze (USA)

#### November 26, 2019

Dear World Leaders,

My name is Connor and I am very concerned about our Earth over the next ten years. I think if we are to start reusing more things in our everyday life, there would not be as much pollution. People should invent more things that use solar power. People need to try to eat less meat so our animals can live. That is why I am concerned about our Earth over the next ten years.

We can save our Earth by not using as much fossil fuels. One of my ideas is that we could use wind turbines for electricity. Another idea is that we could try and invent a solar powered car so we do not pollute the air around us. We could also use hydropower instead of electricity.

World leaders could try and convince the factories to stop burning as much coal. You could make a limit for using fossil fuels. You could make some laws about polluting the air around us. Finally, you could use hydropower for more things that use electricity. That is what you as world leaders could do about our earth.

Sincerely,

Connor

(USA)

Dear World Leaders ,

My name is Ana and I'm very concerned about our Earth over the next ten years. I think that people should stop using so many cars. Cars use gas to power them but using too much has caused climate change. This is harming the Earth. I also think many people should stop using so much electricity in homes. This is harming the Earth and it needs to stop.

I can help too. I can not use a car a lot and ride my bike. I can also not use a lot of electricity and not a lot of electronics. I can also do lots of other things because climate change is really harming the Earth. I can do lots of other things.

Climate change is harming the Earth really badly. Here are some things you can do! You can make a rule that people can't use cars every day or maybe limit certain hours to use electricity and not use cars or there should not be as much gas to power them. Mabe people can find a new way to power cars. We all have ways to help, could you help too?

Sincerely,

Ana (USA)



Meu nome é Emanueli, tenho 8 anos, moro no sul do Brasil com minha mãe, meu pai e meu irmão.

Estou triste porque não posso ir para a escola nem ir para a casa da minha avó, por causa do coronavírus.

Mesmo as pessoas vendo os problemas causados pela destruição da natureza, continuam cortando as árvores e isso me deixa muito triste, se continuarmos cortando as árvores temos que plantar de volta.

Espero que isso mude e que os governantes do mundo olhem para essa situação e coloquem o dinheiro para acabar com a fome das criançase para levar elas para as escolas e aprender a cuidar da natureza porque sem ela não a [the correct spelling would be "há"] vida.

Assim todas as pessoas do mundo poderão viver mais, melhor e feliz.

Emanueli (Brazil) Estimados y Estimadas Líderes del Mundo:

Somos una niña y un niño mexicanos de 8 y 10 años de edad. Nosotros hemos aprendido que la atmósfera es muy importante, gracias a ella existe la vida en la tierra. Gracias a ella podemos respirar y no morirnos de frío por que en ella hay gases que se llaman de efecto invernadero, los humanos necesitamos estos gases pero el problema es que hemos puesto un exceso de estos gases en la atmósfera, con la contaminación de las fábricas, los carros, los aviones y entonces calentamos la Tierra! y si la Tierra se calienta mucho la vida va ser difícil y peligrosa, hasta imposible!

Queremos pedirles a ustedes que en todos los países los niños y las niñas puedan entender lo que le estamos haciendo a nuestro planeta, que se los expliquen en sus escuelas y que sus padres también lo entiendan y les expliquen por que si lo entendemos podemos cambiarlo. También creemos que es su responsabilidad hacer reglas para que ya no echemos tantos gases de efecto invernadero a la atmósfera.

Cómo esto es problema de todos también las soluciones deben ser de todos y entonces ustedes tienen que aprender a dialogar para ponerse de acuerdo y trabajar en equipo.

Nosotros somos unos hermanos que a veces nos peleamos y estamos aprendiendo a ya no pelear y ser buen equipo entonces les podemos dar algunos consejos: no deben burlarse unos de otros, deben escucharse con respeto y ponerse atención y mirarse a los ojos (esto se llama escucha activa), deben escuchar todos los puntos de opinión, y practicar mucho esto por que no es fácil! pero sí usamos la inteligencia de todas y todos podremos salvar al mundo empezando con el Amazonas que es como nuestro pulmón, con todos esos árboles que nos donan oxígeno y se llevan los gases efecto invernadero.

También queremos pedirles que escuchen mas a las mujeres y a los pobres y que no se burle nadie de ellos, por que si somos crueles no vamos a salvar el mundo

Nosotros también queremos comprometernos a dejar de usar tanta electricidad, plantar y cuidar arboles, dejar de comprar plástico y aprovechar la vida que tenemos haciendo más paz.

Gracias por su atención María y Emiliano (Brazil) Jair Bolsonaro e presidentes dos países em geral;

Minhas opiniões sobre as mudanças climáticas do meu país (Brasil) e do planeta Terra são muito parecidas com as opiniões das outras pessoas, acredito eu.

Ultimamente, o que é realmente impressionante são as temperaturas e como são diferentes em um só lugar, apenas em um ano.

Aqui onde moro, por exemplo, no ano passado, no verão foi extremamente quente (32 graus), enquanto no inverno chegou a 10 graus. Aqui, a situação não é tão preocupante como em outros países. Acredito que essa mudança de temperatura é por conta do aquecimento global, que é causado por certas situações que deveríamos dar mais importância.

Não tenho uma única visão do planeta e da humanidade daqui dez anos, porque tudo depende das atitudes que tomaremos sobre isso.

Se tudo continuar como está, imagino que as temperaturas estarão em extremos (muitos frio ou muito quente), alguns lugares vão estar mais secos que o normal, outros vão ter que dedicar um pouco do seu território para aterros sanitários, por conta do lixo. Algumas espécies provavelmente serão extintas, e não acredito que a água (doce e salgada) estará limpa.

Na população brasileira, é perceptível que o consumismo e também as vendas de todos os tipos, de certa forma é um problema. Quando compramos ou vendemos algo, não pensamos qual é o impacto que isso irá causar no meio ambiente. Ás vezes, as pessoas podem ir além e prejudicar diretamente a natureza sem pensar nas consequências.

Daqui dez anos, a consciência sobre isso pode se perder cada vez mais, e quanto mais prejudicarmos o meio ambiente, mais nos prejudicaremos.

As atitudes que se pode ter sobre esse problema são várias, mas não vai adiantar se somente algumas pessoas agirem. Seria uma ótima inciativa se o governo incentivasse a população para cuidar do meio ambiente com campanhas de conscientização e outras coisas simples, como por exemplo, mais latas de reciclagem nas ruas, outras mais complicadas, como projetos infantis nas escolas, por exemplo. Seria muito bom se a fiscalização nas fabricas fossem mais frequentes e mais exigentes com questões de preservação ao meio ambiente, como os filtros para a fumaça liberada. Outra ideia é tentar diminuir ao máximo o plástico, e substituir por materiais recicláveis ou retornáveis. Se a separação de lixo (orgânico e reciclável) nas casas se tornasse obrigatório, ajudaria muito.

Quem sabe talvez depois, não dê para tomar outras providências mais complicadas, como por exemplo: tentar substituir os lixões e aterros sanitários por outros meios (como a compostagem para os orgânicos e reciclagem para os que podem ser reciclado), explorar outros tipos de energia que não agridam o meio ambiente, etc. Enfim, são atitudes que claramente não são tão simples, mas talvez que futuramente possa acontecer.

Espero que tenha ajudado, e junto de muitas outras pessoas, apoiaremos o governo em suas decisões para a proteção do meio ambiente. Esperamos que cada vez mais possamos viver e paz e respeito com a natureza.

Atenciosamente; Sara (Brazil)

## Prezado Secretário Geral, Senhor António Guterres,

Venho a partir dessa carta pedir sua ajuda. Vim falar sobre clima, logo nada melhor do que direcionar a você que escuta a voz jovem. Quero deixar claro que esta carta não é só para o secretário, e sim para todos os adultos e todos aqueles que também se sentem responsáveis, mesmo por uma pequena parcela, de ajudar o planeta em que habitamos. Também gostaria de pedir desculpas caso o meu texto fique repetitivo, pois não gosto muito do termo "nosso planeta", afinal ele pode até ser o nosso lar, mas não temos nenhuma posse de toda a vida e matéria do planeta Terra, logo não é apenas da humanidade.

Não é novidade que o clima do planeta Terra está mudando de uma forma negativa, a natureza está indo por água abaixo. A Amazônia está em chamas, no ano passado registramos um aumento de 150% das queimadas e a humanidade que tem voz não fala disso. Os responsáveis por todo esse caos tentam mudar de assunto, mas não tem mais espaço de baixo do tapete para esconder a sujeira, logo precisamos limpar. Não adianta esperar a bomba explodir, temos que agir agora, vocês precisam agir agora, em quanto estamos brincando de duvidar da ciência e desacreditar no aquecimento global a agência da ONU registra recorde de concentração de gases do efeito estufa, nem preciso citar que cada vez mais os oceanos absorvem aproximadamente 25% das emissões totais, além da biosfera, onde as florestas lutam contra a poluição que nossas industrias de puro consumo e nossas irresponsabilidades geram. Vale lembrar que esses números só irão aumentar cada vez mais, concluo perguntando a vocês onde vamos parar?

Nessa carta, eu também devo falar sobre como eu acho que vai estar a minha sociedade daqui dez anos. Acredito que em relação a tecnologia, estaremos mais organizados e sabendo ensinar de uma maneira melhor a gerações futuras. Não sei se meus netos irão conhecer a mesma cor do mar que eu conheci, também penso que a população idosa terá uma ideia 'conservadora' diferente e melhor. As famílias e cultura brasileira estarão diferentes, espero que a voz indígena esteja mais acessível e bem representada, a ideia de religião pode ser que mude, até mesmo depois desse período de isolamento que estamos vivenciando agora. Também acho que os jovens e adultos estarão mais a par da política e eu espero que não tenhamos mais a mania de 'virar a mesa' em qualquer conversa que tenha uma discordância, espero que o mundo também esteja mais acessível e que o sistema esteja menos falho ou progredindo.

Eu quero que daqui dez anos esteja assim, mas pesquisas apontam que em menos de 25 anos o meu país sofrerá uma transformação na economia graças ao clima que tanto nos descuidamos, sabe como? As secas serão tão grandes que o parque hidrelétrico que funciona para gerar energia para o nosso povo será um investimento tolo, a enorme fazenda chamada Brasil irá por água abaixo, a elevação do nível do mar será tão grotesca que pode chegar a destruir investimentos de aproximadamente R\$ 124 bilhões apenas na cidade do Rio de Janeiro, esse estudo já realizado sobre impactos da mudança climática no Brasil se chama "Brasil 2040- Alterativas de Adaptação á Mudanças Climáticas". Nós precisamos ser positivos, mas não adianta ter o pensamento e não agir. Para tudo isso acontecer, vocês que estão hoje no poder e tem voz, precisam comecar a mudar as coisas. Temos que escutar primeiro a natureza, primeiro a cultura e voz indígena que está trabalhando duro para deixar a floresta em pé para depois pensar em lucro, pois nós somos a terra da Amazônia, nós somos cada coração de cada animal que entra em extinção, nós somos as águas doces e salgadas, nós somos o mato e principalmente somos os responsáveis pelo holocausto. Então, a minha sugestão de melhoria não é nada mais que obvio. Valorize e de a voz que o povo indígena tanto merece, eduque as crianças e os jovens para preservar a vida e não para pensar em lucro e consumo, nos preparem para serem humanos e não robôs, enquanto vocês consertam o planeta pensando primeiro na fauna e na flora, repensem em seus negócios e sistema de lucro das indústrias multinacionais que matam aproximadamente mil cento e dez chineses por ano, para que nós, em um futuro próximo e em um presente nada distante, ajude o planeta Terra, salvando e celebrando a vida seja ela de qualquer significância.

Não precisamos pensar o quadrado, afinal o planeta Terra vai muito além do nosso mundo e suas leis hipócritas e tolas. Obrigada por ler até aqui! Espero que você, seja quem for, tenha se tocado e que não desista do planeta e da natureza. Secretário, deixo também meus cumprimentos e meus agradecimentos por escutar o jovem e se engajar a salvar o planeta.

Abraços. Gabrielle (Brazil)

# Ao Sr. Presidente do Brasil.

Vossa excelência, Presidente da República, queria argumentar que posteriormente, eu acredito que devido aos tempos de pandemia (Covid-19) que estamos passando, já favoreceu um pouco a sociedade em termos de mudança climática, ambiental e social.

Portanto, muitas pessoas não eliminam seu lixo no mar, estão nascendo mais animais marinhos, até mesmo o clima mundial se alterou, a paisagem está mais limpa, favorecendo até nós mesmos como cidadão.

Se tudo continuar dessa maneira as mudanças climáticas e as mudanças ambientais posteriormente irão se aperfeiçoar, cada vez melhor, para que consigamos ter um ambiente muito melhor para viver.

Para que essa circunstancia não percam o ritmo mesmo após a pandemia Covid-19, gostaria que o governo ajudasse a manter esse ritmo de não poluir o ambiente.

Sugiro que o governo:

- Crie um projeto de conscientização para que a população não polua o meio ambiente.
- Divulgar uma forma para que os cidadãos saibam como irá prejudica-los se poluírem.
- Criar normas que proíbem poluir o ambiente.

Portanto gostaria de concluir que se a sociedade mantiver essa forma de cuidados com o ambiente, tudo ficara melhor, mas, se a sociedade não cuidar dessa forma ficaremos desfavorecidos e a população terá muitos prejuízos, logo ficaríamos em um mundo péssimo para nossa sobrevivência.

Maria (Brazil)

# HUNGARY

# Dear Mr. President,

As a child I see that our world is getting weaker and weaker. There are more and more waste in our environment, there is so much pollution, from which animals are dying and our environment does not get enough attention from us. More and more trees are being cut down, which does not help in the development. The Earth gives us life, that is why we must protect it and take care of it. The other great problem is global warming. Everybody knows global warning means that the average temperature of the Earth's climate is increasing. It affects animals, plants and of course the human race as well. But how and why? Because the ice caps are constantly melting, seas, rivers, lakes and oceans began to dry out. The rise in temperature can also influence our weather. The food industry will totally collapse as there will not be enough arable lands because of the possible drought caused by the rising temperatures. As a result more and more people will live in want and will suffer from hunger. Unfortunately, as a result of different human activities bushfires cause problems in more and more places thus annihilating the flora, which may result in the lack of clear air and appropriate oxygen. But this does not have to be like that...

We have to help the Earth to get back its original condition. By helping the Earth we can help humanity as well.

I imagine a kind of world on Earth, where everything is good and it is possible to live a normal way of life. As a first step I collect the waste separately, take care of my plants, love animals and protect them. I encourage everyone to do so as the well-being of the Earth is our common interest.

Eszter (Hungary) Dear Mr. President,

To me our Earth is a place full of contrasts.

While there are some people who live in luxury, others barely even "live". They have to suffer a lot to make ends meet. The majority of the Earth's population have enough food to eat, clear water to drink, convenient clothes to wear, a smaller or bigger flat or house in which they can live, so basically we can say that they have everything they need. The minority of the people living on the Earth lack all of these: hardly enough or no food at all to eat, dirty or no water at all, some people have no place to live at. They suffer a lot, but we can say that they might be happier than most of us. They have endurance, hope, they love each other, they care for each other and try to make the most out of their lives.

What changes do I think are needed??

Mostly that kind of changes, which make our Earth a place full of joy, happiness and no violence, no inequality would be there.

I believe that we can change the world, even if we do it little by little. As the saying goes: "Many little makes a mickle"

I am sure that in 10 years our world will be so much better. The progress towards a "perfect" world will begin. There will be less violence, more peace and love, we will find cures to such disease which we yet don't know, as a result there will be less sick people. In order to achieve this we have to spend more money on our healthcare system. The problems of environment pollution should have also been solved partly by that time: more people have to lead an environmental friendly way of life and governments will make more attempts to make the Earth and our world better.

I hope my letter will help in some ways.

Your faithfully,

Dóra (Hungary) Dear Mr. President,

I would like to start with how the Earth will be in 10 years. Well, first of all, everything will be very modern if there is no environmental pollution. Everybody will have a smart home and there will only be electric cars. There will be such robots, which will do the clearing and will be cooking instead of us. We will be able to control our homes and robots from anywhere.

But let's get back to the cars! If you give your destination to your car, it will be able to drive wherever you would like to go by itself and we, people will have to do nothing but to relax during the travel. Even televisions will be in the cars. It will be possible to watch all of the channels even if there is no Internet connection. In addition, it will also be possible to sit out to the roof of the car if the weather is pleasant. In bigger cars we will be able to play games inside games. So, that is what I think about the future when there is no pollution at all.

But at the moment, I am 10-year-old child. I am so sad seeing that there are so many disasters in the world. Adults are cutting out trees in the beautiful rainforests, by the time I grow up there will be no rainforests, which makes me sad. Also, if the pollution continues, many plants and animals will become extinct. I love animals and this also makes me very sad. Poor small creatures will all die by the time I become an adult. Trees and plants will also die. I am lucky I think because I see in television programme that many parts of the Earth people are suffering, they don't have clean water, they don't have food to eat. I don't really like veggies but I rather eat not to make my parents angry and also because I know that other continents children are suffering from hunger. I wish I could give them my veggies, but I can't unfortunately because they live too far from me. Maybe by the time I grow up, people in my country will also suffer from hunger. I don't understand adults, they should do something against this.

Not just water and food but also the air is becoming more polluted, we are sick more than our parents were when they were kids. The air then was more clean than now, that's what my Dad always says. That means that we won't have enough oxygen and maybe we will have to find another planet to live on. But I love our planet, I want to live here. So, I am sending you some things you should do in order to save our planet.

What can we do to prevent all this and save the Earth! So please remember:

- we shouldn't waste drinking water!
- we shouldn't litter!
- we should plant as much trees as we cut!
- we have to take care of the flora and fauna of the Earth!

If we all follow these rules, we won't have to move to another planet and our world will be a great one when we grow up.

Lena (Hungary) Dear Mr President,

I would immediately like to start with my vision of how it is going to be like living on our (currently beautiful) Earth in 10 years. Currently the biggest problem on this globe now is environmental pollution and if we want our descendants to be familiar with the notion of " fresh air", I think we should start acting for our environment now. I keep hearing from social media that it's already too late, but I am an optimistic person, I think it is not too late. So, please consider all ideas you receive carefully and make steps in order save our generation and later when we grow up, our children's generations.

So, now comes the part in which I explain my expectations of planet Earth in 10 years and would like to remind you for a few things I think would be important for you and other politicians to consider doing.

If we do something for our environment now, then I can imagine a really not just modern but healthy planet. What do I mean by " modern and healthy planet"? Well, yes...It's a quite wide notion in this case. I could describe the word "modern" in a way, in which electronic devices in our everyday lives would be more intelligent and much smarter. For instance, there will be no need to have bus drivers as cars will be able to drive themselves, in shops goods we would consider buying will be collected by robots. Or as an example, there will be "flying" cars, to be precise, I would rather say it will be possible for cars to transport on water or even in the air in order to avoid bigger traffic jams. Yes, I know it sounds more like a Hollywood movie type of solution as I am used to watching such films and I cannot visualize the future in a different way at the moment, but whether I was right or wrong will turn out out in 10 years.

So that is what I think about the future. About the present world: I love living here now, however I have no idea what it was like living in the 17th century or in the '90s, only that parts, which I learned during history lessons.

In regards of a more "healthy planet", I can add that if healing is needed, which we hear every day in television and other social media, I assume there is a disease then. I consider our planet to be sick. Sick in many ways. Forests are destroyed on purpose, waters are polluted on purpose, people are suffering from hunger in Africa and many other parts of the globe, which means something is wrong with the food chain and supply. People are sicker around us, which means probably comes from polluted air. So, I think all these I mention here are symptoms and are causing the sickness of Earth.

I am running out of paper now and I was told to write only one page, but I could write a lot more about the sickness of our beautiful globe. Please, start acting with your politician colleagues and save the globe, so we can grow up safely. If you act now, you are saving Us, Children! And then I can make my biggest dream come true, to attend the Olympic Games as the Hungarian National Team's Water polo goalkeeper when I grow up.

Sincerely,

Luca (Hungary)

