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To whom it may concern, I am writing this because our waste and recycling issue needs to start being taken seriously. As a young adult who is starting to think about not only my future on this planet, but potential my future children's life on this planet, I am scared, very genuinely scared for the future problems we are creating.

Our current waste and recycling system needs urgent action and we can no longer keep going doing the bare minimum we are currently. I am a very environmentally conscious person, I refuse plastics where possible, red cycle and recycle where possible and try to reduce my waste as much as I can. However, I would like to have faith that the recycling I do dispose of is actually being recycled and not ending up in landfill. Currently in my locality there is awareness that the recycling we do send may not necessarily get recycled, and I have overheard people saying they don't recycle because there is no point- it won't actually get recycled anyway. This is detrimental because it is turning people away from doing the right thing. And although I don't agree with this thought because I would like to hope that what I send may in fact be recycled, why should the population waste time sorting their rubbish when we are being let down by the system.

I am also shocked by how so much of our population doesn't have the fear that I have about the waste and landfill we are creating. There needs to be policies in place to discourage the amount of waste created. Policies that ban single use plastic, create recycle schemes that encourage and allow the population to easily recycle. Education programs are needed on how and why, because at the moment, the people who already are concerned are the ones who care enough to restrict their waste by conscious decisions. We need to educate the general population on the stark reality of what the result of our current waste situation is. At the moment, there is no second thought to most people about what happens to their waste once they put their rubbish into the bins on their front lawn. The trucks just magically take it away and we don't have to think about it.

Thanks for reading, and I look forward to hearing about positive changes that will be coming our way soon. We don't have time to waste deciding on when and how. Change is needed now.

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