

Inspiring Change

In recent years I have become more involved in understanding issues with our planet's resources. It is a very big concern to me as I feel our planet is being abused by large corporations and companies that do not care for the environment or the land around them. The pollution and waste needs to be strongly governed by all countries. The waste that they contribute not only to the air but water is changing the environment and how we live. It is killing off wildlife habitats and ocean life. Over fishing the ocean and spills into the ocean are also a major factor of ocean life being dissolved. I have watched farmers and ranchers struggle with water and feeding problems. Our natural resources are at an all time low. Meaning that my generation may not have enough water or resources to survive for many more years. I have seen how land and energy can go hand in hand, with the right education and leadership. I think strong national policy needs to be set for companies and corporations for air and water. Natural energy should be used when possible to help with clean air and water. There should be a limit on fishing the ocean and the countries should look to different means of fishing. Net fishing not only kills helpless fish but eliminates ocean balance. We should use alternative fuels for housing and transportation needs. The idea that we are so connected to oil and gas has left our nation in a turmoil. We should make alternatives to vehicles and public transportation within our major cities. Incentives for alternative vehicles and heating/cooling should be more accessible and reasonable priced. Studies should be done to find how alternatives can be made available to the population. Natural energy should be used in parts of the world where wind is available, sunlight is strong and natural energy is the most energy efficient means. This would eliminate carbon

gases and global warming. The change in the weather patterns is not only contributing to drought and natural disasters but eliminating food for wildlife. The destruction and devastation of these storms also should be an awaking to general population that global change must be made. The devastation that other countries are also experiencing should make them understand that they must also make changes in their countries.

As a young person going into a Legal Field of study I would want to help mandate changes not only for myself but for the future of any children I may have. This would take national legislation for our country and foreign countries to try and help to make stiffer penalties and laws in their country. I think incentives for corporations doing business in these countries that have no restrictions should be penalized and all incentives reversed. There can be a balance between products and the environment if policies and education are done. Natural resources such as wind and sunlight should be used whenever they can to reduce the dependance on oil and gas. There should be no waste that goes into the water or land. Realizing that populations are growing all things considered, if we don't stop what is happening now there will not be enough food or energy to provide for our country. Wind farms and eco friendly cars should be promoted and used as alternative energy and means of transportation. Natural foods should be produced when possible so that our children and the children after them can live healthier lives.

Every peer, community leader and citizen must take a stand and be involved for change to happen. Voices must be spoken in order for people to hear and understand the need for change. People must understand the water is a commodity and resources must be taken care of in order for younger generations to prosper and live. I hope to make a difference in the future, with not only my career choice, but with my voice and ideas. By educating the general public and educating myself as to the needs of the earth, this will allow me to help and teach future

generations. Understanding the eco system of balancing land, water resources, natural energy and wildlife preservation is an enormous undertaking, but the younger generation must make changes. They must make their voices be heard and lobby for those changes. They must educate themselves and others so changes can happen. Studies must be produced and instilled in order for change to happen. I do believe that my generation are well aware of what is facing them and most are ready to be heard and make change happen. The younger generation is smarter and more aware of what can happen if we don't make better choices.
