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Dear Mr. President:

My name is Valeria, and I am 11 years old. I go to Melrose Elementary School in Oakland, Ca. I am in 5th grade. The problem that I am studying about is pollution. Me and my group don't agree with the people who drive too much, because we are scared that the atmosphere will burn up and have a little hole, and the planet will get hotter. Our planet will become like Venus. Also, we will get burned easily. I urge you to make a law or to do something about driving too much. The people who drive to stores, schools and other places that are close should walk, because of the smog that the cars make when people drive too much.

Mr. President did you know that with too many Greenhouse gasses in the air, the earth's atmosphere will trap heat? Then the earth will get too hot. The atmosphere will have a hole, so then the rays of the sun will come in. The North Pole and the South pole will not be cold anymore. Soon the snow will melt and there is not going to be snow. In addition, if it snowed the snow would start to melt. The gasses stay in the air and form a smog cloud. When there is too much smog the atmosphere begins to burn. For instance, years ago we discovered a hole that started to open in the atmosphere. The smog is so dangerous because of the smog of the cars. Furthermore, we need the atmosphere to protect us from the sun, so the sun rays won't come in.

Some people have heart or lung problems. For example, my friend's grandfather always has lung problems and sometimes has heart attacks. He has been 6 months in the hospital. With this month it is 7 months. They had

operated him 9 times these 6 months. Many people die from lung problems,because of the pollution. For example, my aunt died because of the polluted air from the factory she used to work in.

Did you know that people started to be lazy? People are lazy,because when the store is .2 blocks away from where they live,sometimes people go in a car instead of going walking. For example, my uncle drives instead of walking. He drives,because he gets home tired from work. Also,now the gasoline is too expensive. The gasoline that used to cost \$1.59 now costs \$1.75. When we walk it is like doing exercises ,and exercises are good for our health.

As I have told you this problem is as serious as breaking a law. Pollution causes alot of health problems. If we let people use cars too much,the smog cloud will get bigger,and the atmosphere will burn a bigger hole. The sun rays will come in and the earth will be hotter. Earth will become like Venus. Please do something,so people could stop polluting the enviroment. Thank you for spending a little bit of your time reading my card. I would appreciate it if you responded to my letter and told me your opinion.

Sincerely,

Valeria