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A Better America... Dreaming of a Better Tomorrow

If America is only home to 4% of the world's population, then why are we responsible for almost 25% of the world's pollution? Earth is being destroyed around us and yet, most people are refusing to care. As a candidate for President of the United States, I am passionate about supporting energy efficient ways. As a leading power in the world today, the United States need to come together as a country and discuss ways to conserve energy, make energy more efficient, and put clean energy resources into use so that our beloved planet can be spared.

One of the biggest problems that our great planet faces is the amount of energy being wasted daily. Fortunately, this is easily preventable. Just by unplugging products that are not in use, not only energy will be saved, but American citizen's hard earned money as well. Also, products like an old freezer that have no use anymore do not have to stay plugged in. Another big energy saver is weatherizing your home. Weatherizing is a process of insulating and cooling your home as the seasons change. It is not necessary to have to keep your air conditioner on all summer long. Instead, by pulling shades down and opening the windows, the indoor temperature of your home can be reduced by almost 10 degrees! Even in the wintertime, caulking your windows and doors will prevent cold drafts from coming in which will make it seem a lot warmer inside. By putting on a few layers of clothes, you may not need your heater at all on mild winter days. If you are looking for a quicker way to conserve energy, simply switching your showerhead to a low-flow showerhead can stop extra amounts of energy from being wasted. I have already done this and am enjoying it a lot better than my old one. As president, I will create a new branch of government that will support families in making their homes more energy efficient. I hope that you join me in making some quick and easy adjustments to your home in order to conserve energy.

As a country, we are already coming up with great ways to make our energy usage more efficient. American engineers and scientists are currently working on a new automobile alternative called the fuel-cell vehicle. It uses oxygen and hydrogen to produce electricity. Its main waste is water and the tail-pipe emissions are nearly pollution free. Unfortunately, obtaining hydrogen fuel requires the use of fossil fuels. If I am elected, I will make sure to have several scientists working on this to find an alternative fuel source as soon as possible. If you would like to try a vehicle similar to this right now, our engineers have produced a hybrid electric vehicle already out which runs on batteries combined with a small amount of gasoline. It still creates a little pollution but is definitely a better alternative to cars solely ran on gasoline. As president, I will also research into solar powered vehicles that would give off no pollution whatsoever! One of the smallest but most effective inventions in conserving energy is the compact fluorescent light bulb. It generally gives off the same amount of light as other light bulbs and it has a longer life while using less energy! Many people are worried about the usage of light bulbs like these because of the high amounts of mercury they contain, but I assure you that there are several recycling programs across America that will make this process a lot simpler. As president, I will continue researching ways to conserve energy from energy efficient light bulbs to solar powered cars.

There are quite a few clean energy resources that our country has access to. Some of these include solar, wind, and geothermal energy. Solar energy has recently become popular today in many public buildings. For example, buildings like Big Y and Wal-Mart have placed solar panels on their roof to help energize their companies. As a candidate, I plan to convert a lot of towns, city buildings, and homes to solar energy. I understand that people may be concerned about the ability for America to finance this, but the final outcome of using solar energy will be worth



it in the end. In addition to solar energy, we are currently creating ways of turning wind into useable energy for Americans to use at home. America is also trying to utilize geothermal energy, which is caused by natural heat from the inner parts of the Earth. This energy can be converted into useable energy in American homes. Presidents strive to make the world a better place, but rarely see it through. As president, I promise that my plan will succeed and that America will reduce its global pollution.

I hope you are beginning to understand the importance of the way we use our energy. I'm very excited to put all of my energy-saving plans into action, but I can only do that with the help of your votes this November. But until then, you should consider taking small steps to help conserve energy, purchase products that are energy efficient, and try using clean energy resources. Together as a nation, not only can we change our ways, but we can become a positive role model to other countries as well.