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Dennis Bergsbaken
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Seymour, Wisconsin 54162
February, 26 1970

The Honorable Gaylord Nelson
United States Senate
Wisconsin Senator
Washington, D. C. 20515

Sir:

On April 27, Seymour High School will sponsor a teach-in on pollution. During the school day students will be informed about the problems of pollution. A program of speeches, skits, and various other methods of mass education will be employed. Dr. Shapiro, from Oshkosh State University will give a presentation to highlight the teach-in.

On the evening of April 27, the program will be repeated for the public. Along with the speeches and skits, various exhibits will be displayed for the public. The teach-in is being planned by the advanced science class, with the cooperation of the biology teachers.

It would be greatly appreciated if you could acknowledge this letter by writing a brief statement which could be read at the teach-in.

Thank you for your time and effort to acknowledge this letter.

Respectfully,

Dennis Bergsbaken

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March 9, 1970

Mr. Dennis Bergsbaken
Seymour High School
10 Circle Drive
Seymour, Wisconsin 54162

Dear Mr. Bergsbaken:

I was pleased to learn that the Seymour High School student body is planning to become involved in the teach-in idea.

The projects you are planning are impressive. One of the ideas I would like to see developed is for each local area to hold its own environmental inventory. Through such an inventory, the students can find out who the polluters are in their community, what laws they are breaking or if there is a need for new laws to prevent further pollution of the area's vital natural resources.

What we are talking about is accepting in this country a new concept of progress. For too long, the vital resources were sacrificed to make way for progress, the only standard for success.

Now, new standards are being developed, and, fortunately, the youth of the nation are leading the way--that it is not progress to destroy Everglades National Park, to fill in hundreds of square miles of bays and wetlands, to pollute the waterways, poison the air, and wreak havoc on the total ecological system.

I wish you every success in your plans to become involved in helping to correct the problems of the environment, and I hope this effort marks the beginning of continuing active work on the parts of the students at Seymour High School.

If I can ever be of service to you, please let me know.

Sincerely yours,

GAYLORD NELSON
U. S. Senator

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