

Dear Mr Mayor,

My name is Gloria Amor, I'm a 16 year old student from IES El Palmeral, Vera. I am writing to you to make you aware of my concerns and worries about the environment.

I am very worried about the environment, because I feel like we, as a community, are not doing enough to look after our home. I'm sure that if we all contribute, just a little, we will make a difference.

I've been doing my investigations and I have come up with 2 factors that I think are the most harmful for the environment: plastic and pollution.

I am tired of going to the beach, or to the park, and seeing plastic waste everywhere, which, apart from destroying the aesthetics of my town, it's very contaminating, but not just for the environment, it is also very harmful for animals. Millions of animals eat plastic and die everyday due to this situation, so my solution is to establish a law to drastically reduce the consumption of plastic, so that companies stop selling plastic bags, bottles, containers, etc. Another action could be to open social organisations of volunteering for picking up litter in every town in Spain, and to teach children, since preschool, that that's the right thing to do, in order to get them used to doing that.

Traffic pollution is another thing that seriously worries me, the ozone layer is very damaged, and the air we breathe is contaminated and if we don't do anything about this, our health and our ecosystem will be seriously damaged in a few years time. My solution is public transport. It's easy, I think that we should all only take public transports and slowly leave our own cars to a side. The problem with public transport is that it costs money and that the facilities you provide are usually not in a good state so you should invest more money in that and make public transport cheaper or even free. Our planet is more important than money.

In conclusion, we should take actions now because if we don't, from a few years now we will regret it. We should also start educating children about this, to get them used to being respectful with the environment, because they are our future. If we had done this earlier, we wouldn't have this problem now. This is the only way to a safer, cleaner environment, that should be taken into consideration. Thank you for listening.

Kind regards.

Gloria Amor