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My Day as Eco-President

8am: Begin the work day

- Evaluate current levels of carbon emissions, population growth, food waste, etc. and current levels of recycling and composting
- Establish locations and topics to target

9am: Carbon emissions focus time begins

- Write executive order mandating a maximum level of carbon emissions in each state be observed by 2025
- Propose a new policy mandating that the production of non-biodegradable plastic be halted by 2025
- Propose a tax for buying vehicles with fuel efficiency poorer than the current industry standard and for using other methods of transportation with poor fuel efficiency
- Propose a policy that requires companies publish a record of the amount of carbon emissions they release

12pm: Land use and food production focus time begins

- Propose a policy that requires every town over 1000 people to provide a public composting site
- Write an executive order mandating that 30% of the country's land, air, and water remain "green space" (vacated by private, public, commercial, and governmental users)

- Propose a policy mandating that a maximum of 20% of the land in the USA be dedicated to commercial pastures and a minimum of 20% of the land in the USA be dedicated to commercial fields for crops
- Write an executive order that requires all retailers that sell food (supermarkets, grocery stores, restaurants, etc) to donate to food banks any food they have that would otherwise go to waste

6pm: Population focus time begins

- Propose a policy that requires all states to provide at least one site where individuals can receive a comprehensive healthcare education, including but not limited to topics in sexual health and family planning
- Propose the removal of bans and restrictions surrounding abortions and hysterectomies

Evaluation

I felt that spending my time on three focus areas throughout my day as president would be the most effective way to impact a variety of the main factors in humanity's footprint. I focused on carbon emissions, land use, food waste, and population growth.

I would accomplish four objectives in the time I focused on carbon emissions. I thought that writing an executive order that mandated a maximum level of carbon emissions in each state would aid in reducing the level of carbon emissions that the United States produced as a whole, which is a large step in reducing the size of humanity's footprint. I also thought that proposing a policy that mandated that the production of non-biodegradable plastic be halted by 2025 would help the United States reduce the amount of fossil fuels that they use. Next, I thought that proposing a tax for buying vehicles with fuel efficiency poorer than the current industry standard and for using other methods of transportation with poor fuel efficiency would encourage people

to use more fuel efficient methods of transportation. As a final addition to this portion of the day, I would propose a policy that requires companies publish a record of the amount of carbon emissions they release because this would give consumers a more realistic view of the ecological impact they were having by supporting that company.

Next, I would focus on land use and food production. First, I would propose a policy that requires every town over 1000 people to provide a public composting site because this would reduce the amount of potentially compostable materials sent to landfills. Next, I would write an executive order mandating that 30% of the country's land, air, and water remain "green space" (vacated by private, public, commercial, and governmental users) because this would help us maintain healthy biodiversity within our ecosystems. I would also propose a policy mandating that a maximum of 20% of the land in the United States be dedicated to commercial pastures and a minimum of 20% of the land in the United States be dedicated to commercial fields for crops, which would ensure that United States citizens were receiving enough calories without wasting land. Finally, I would write an executive order that requires all retailers that sell food (supermarkets, grocery stores, restaurants, etc) to donate to food banks any food they have that would otherwise go to waste because this would reduce the amount of food waste produced by the public sector.

I would focus on population growth last. First, I would propose a policy that requires all states to provide at least one site where individuals can receive a comprehensive healthcare education, including but not limited to topics in sexual health and family planning. This is important because it encourages women to take control of their bodies and provides people with the information they need to be able to stay healthy and start a family. My final step would be to propose the removal of bans and restrictions surrounding abortions and hysterectomies so that

women would be able to have more agency over their bodies and control whether or not they could have a child.

I believe these changes would be useful and important and, hopefully, reasonably accomplished within a 24 hour period if I worked nonstop.