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#### DAY 4: GREENEST

- **Research who does not have adequate access to clean water in your community. Write a letter to one state or local government representative asking them to act to protect water for all people, especially their constituents. Make the case for additional attention, funding and government involvement on the critical issue. Include background information and facts, such as:**
  - **Why does this community have polluted water (i.e. agricultural runoff, industrial pollution, etc.)?**
  - **How is the community affected/challenged/harmed?**
  - **What inequalities and environmental injustices are underscored here?**

My own community is having this problem. We do have water but we cannot drink it, and its almost over, we have really bad quality water, and most of it is used for agriculture, this year the water dams were almost empty compared with their actual capacity, this made us as a community to rethink our actions and habits, and as I see we're kind of more careful with that, but we're still affected.

#### **LETTER:**

Señor gobernador:

Le saludo a usted esperando que tenga un buen día. Por este medio le presento el actual problema de mi comunidad: Los Mochis. El agua que sale de nuestras llaves es imposible de ingerir, ni siquiera es transparente. Últimamente es tan común el desabasto de agua, la calidad del agua que nos están proporcionando es extremadamente mala. Día con día se pagan miles de pesos en impuestos, donde se espera que sean utilizados para mejorar la calidad de vida de las personas en el estado, pero al parecer, no está siendo bien utilizado. Esto nos afecta como sociedad no solo en el ámbito social, si no que también en la salud, en el lado económico y en el político, puesto que nos posiciona en una mala postura a nivel nacional. Es increíble como nuestra agua se esté acabando, dándole prioridad a las industrias para su uso en vez de darle prioridad al uso humano. Ahora con la temporada de lluvias, la cantidad de agua es mayor en las presas, sin embargo, no es suficiente. Es curioso, como en un lugar donde la presión del agua y la calidad del agua eran envidiables, se tengan que utilizar bombas para poder obtener agua que es imposible de beber. Esto no es un reclamo, es una llamada de atención para que se tomen cartas en el asunto. Nuestra comunidad necesita agua limpia.

Atentamente, una estudiante de preparatoria.

Governor:

I greet you, hoping you have a good day. Hereby I present the current problem of my community: Los Mochis. The water that comes out of our taps is impossible to ingest, it is not even transparent. Lately water shortages are so common, the quality of the water they are providing us is extremely bad. Every day thousands of pesos are paid in taxes, which are expected to be used to improve the quality of life of the people in the state, but apparently, it is not being well used. This affects us as a society not only in the social sphere, but also in health, on the economic and political side, since it positions us in a bad position at the national level. It is incredible how our water is running out, giving priority to industries for its use instead of giving priority to human use. Now with the rainy season, the amount of water is greater in the dams, however, it is not enough. It's funny, how in a place where the water pressure and the quality of the water were enviable, you have to use pumps to get water that is impossible to drink. This is not a claim, it is a wake-up call for action to be taken. Our community needs clean water.

Sincerely, a high school student.

(I can't actually send it because governors do not really have an email to attend, it's a whole process to send it something like this) ☹️

- **How would you bring awareness to this problem? How might you build a campaign with a clear call to action to help the community fight back? Create a poster with a bold message that will mobilize people to be the change. [Here](#) is some insight into how to build a campaign.**

I would bring awareness to the problem by sharing as much information as possible, education is the most effective way to solve problems so I would create a campaign in schools with little kids; elementary schools and middle schools, where students can learn more about water problems and solutions, so while they're growing they will know that they can make a difference, and also they share it with their families and friends.

**Instagram post:**



