

**The Honorable Ms. Kelly Craft**  
**United States of America Ambassador to the United Nations**  
**RE: Combating Climate Change**  
**Date: May 12, 2020**

Dear Honorable Ambassador Craft,

My name is Samantha S. I am an eighth grader attending New Foundations Charter School. This is my second year participating in Jr. Model United Nations; I cannot express how much this program has allowed me to grow as a person and writer. This year, I was assigned the country of Peru and the issue of Combating Climate Change. I wanted to write this letter to express my concern about the overproduction of meat and agriculture contributing to climate change. This topic means so much to me not only because of the concern for our planet, but also for animals' rights and safety. Animals are not treated as living creatures, but only as meat waiting to be cooked, and money not yet made. In my ELA class, we have been learning about the perilous conditions of the animals "living" on these "farms," and the helpless position farmers are put in because of corporate agriculture.

The methane produced by cattle farms amounts to 37% of methane emissions. This means that if we effectively decrease the production of meat throughout the world, greenhouse gas emissions will dramatically go down. The United Nations has recognized the necessity of changing agriculture throughout the globe, and how refusing to take action can and will have devastating effects on the human diet (and therefore human life), animal welfare, and our planet's safety. In Peru specifically, agriculture is the main driver for deforestation; if demand for meat is decreased, much of the Amazon can still be saved—20% has already been destroyed. In an attempt to slow, if not stop, the deforestation, and to decrease the amount of methane emissions produced by cattle farms, I sincerely suggest that the United Nations place restrictions on major meat companies, preventing them from producing an over-abundant amount of livestock. Major companies have made public efforts to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions. These goals that companies have set, however, are not substantial in the stopping of climate change. It is necessary that these companies be restricted from producing so much meat, or the world could and eventually will become one large slaughterhouse. Human over-consumption of fast food is one of, if not the most, large contributors to obesity—decreasing the large-scale production of fast food could



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potentially lead to a healthier world, not only for the planet's safety, but also for our human quality of life. I suggest that the United Nations encourage governments to increase the amount of space animals are entitled to on farms, while decreasing the amount of space the plantations are allowed to take up. This will provide the animals with more livable conditions while simultaneously creating a less polluting agricultural system. The decreasing of large-scale (specifically fast food) production of meat will have extremely positive effects on the climate of our planet, global human diet, animal safety, and deforestation.

I want to thank you for reading my letter of concern regarding the problem of the over-production of meat in our world, and how this rate of production directly affects climate change. I sincerely look forward to hearing your response to my letter concerning this issue, and I promise to continue to educate myself on the over-production of meat relating to climate change, and the general issues of climate change, so as to better protect the safety of our future generations.

Sincerely,

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