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Dear future,

I am writing this letter to say... Sorry. Sorry for putting the burden on you. I'm sorry for making you have to fix what we did wrong. Sorry for destroying our home, our planet. Sorry for making excuses everyday, diverting the blame from ourselves. Sorry for wasting everything we ever had. The truth is, we just never knew how much we had, until it was all gone.

Sorry for filling up the Pacific Ocean with garbage, making it impossible for anything to live in it. Oh. Sorry. You may know of the Pacific Ocean... as the Pacific garbage dump. Sorry for not ever letting you see water in the ocean, waves lapping at the shores, dolphins playing in the water. Sorry for dumping all our trash into the wild, cutting down trees at a rate of 40 football fields in a minute, just for money. Sorry for putting greed over need. Sorry for refusing to admit that the Earth was dying. Sorry for never putting the planet over our personal desires. I hope you can forgive us for destroying the planet.

You see, we humans think that we're so smart. Yes, we invented all this technology to help us with our daily lives, but I don't think we ever noticed the cost it came with. True, we used some of it for good, but that is cancelled out, by all the bad things we've done. Considering that, we still have the nerve to call ourselves, "Homo-Sapiens", meaning, Wise Man. But are we that wise? Were we wise enough to notice the destruction we were bring out along with our so called, wisdom?

But I believe that there is still hope. If we all take a step to help stop this from happening, we can put an end to the Pacific garbage dump. We can each do our part by doing a little. We can each take a little step, but when 7.7 billion people take a tiny step, it will make a huge change. If we each take a little step each day, we can undo everything that we did. But the problem is, no one's taking that first step. No one's willing to step up and start the chain effect. I admit, I'm one of those cowards, stepping back to let someone else take the lead, thinking that you're the only person who wants to make a change, but the truth is, we're

not alone. The person you sit beside in class, the person you stand next to on the SkyTrain, the person you walk past on the street, they all want to make a change. Inside each soul, there's a tiny flame that just needs igniting. That tiny flame just needs a spark of motivation to take the first step. It's up to us to support each other, to keep that tiny flame burning.

Once again, I am sorry for what we did to our planet, and I hope that you can forgive us for everything we have done to our planet. I think that it is a miracle that we have survived to this point, and I hope the flame will keep burning inside.