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I live in a small city in Pennsylvania and it's known as "a blackhole". If you are born here, it's unlikely you will be able to leave. A lot of people here think they won't be able to make a change but I want to prove statistics wrong. If this small involvement could potentially help save the little bit of our planet left, you best believe I will contribute to the cause. The greenhouse effect has been an underlying issue for decades and some people out there (including my own father, who is one of the smartest men I know) who do not believe in global warming. I won't sit here and pretend I am a scientist and know everything about this topic but I know enough to say this: we have been slowly killing our planet and people have been denying it for years. I don't understand why this is something we have to FIGHT for. There are holes in our atmosphere and if we don't start acting now or a few years into the future, not only will we kill our planet, but we will also kill us humans, every animal that walks this earth, and every plant that helps us breathe and provides us food. Some people might make the argument and say, "But that's such a stretch. And if that were to happen, it's gonna be years and years from now and I most likely will be dead by the time that happens so I don't really care." Those people may be right that it will take years for it to settle into place for it to be that extreme, but does that matter? You're telling me you don't want to preserve this beautiful place that gives us life not only for you but your family that WILL be here after you are gone? It's disgustingly selfish. I am 18 years old and even I might be around for the collapse of civilization and this planet but that is not my issue. My issue is that this is my home and I want to keep her safe. This place has given me the gift of beautiful experiences and I want to save that for myself and everyone else who will walk this earth. Some people will say this is "cheesy" or "corny" but that doesn't make it any less true: there is no planet B. We have this earth and that is it. Why would you want to kill the only place we have called home? Just because you want to generate unoriginal videos and fictional characters saying horrible things, talk to a robot you think is your lover, or steal art from others just to call it your own, and then when you get caught you say, "Well it's because I can't draw" or "I have a disability". One of my favorite TikTokers and YouTubers is legally blind and he wrote and drew his own children's book. I know not everyone can do that but that is not my point. There are so many disabled artists and writers and creators. And if your argument is that you can't do it or you do not have the artistic ability to do it then there's a piece of advice I can give you: learn. Like everyone else on this planet. You do not get to sit back and steal others work just because you are to learn to learn and grow. You are killing our planet, plagiarizing, and not willing to work on yourself just because you "can't do it." You are lazy and ignorant. Grow up and look outside, read the news, look at current events, and SEE what your ignorance is doing to the planet, others, and YOURSELF.