



Petition to the President of the United States

TO: President George W. Bush
FROM: A Concerned Population Activist

Dear Mr. President:

Whereas population growth is the main threat to this country's environmental health, with an expanding population causing more air pollution, more water pollution and the destruction of countless habitats, leaving our nation's animal population without homes.

And whereas one of the most damaging effects of population growth is the unchecked sprawl expanding miles beyond our cities, paving over the forests, meadows and open lands that we enjoy today.

And whereas studies have shown that building highways will not alleviate traffic congestion, but only serve to worsen the problem, putting more cars on the road and creating longer and longer stretches of commuter traffic jams.

We hereby resolve that before any new highway construction project is undertaken, the federal government must run a population impact study to determine the impact of new roads on the health of the community.

New highway construction programs that do not take into account the effects on the surrounding community are doomed to failure. An increase in roads leads to an increase in housing developments, which leads to an increase in people, which leads to an increase in cars, quickly compounding the problem of overcrowding the new roads are meant to solve.

As a member of Population Connection and strong supporter of population issues, I will closely watch your actions on future highway construction policy. I hope you will do the responsible thing, both for today's environment and tomorrow's citizens.

Sincerely,

Signature

Date

Name: _____

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City/State/Zip: _____

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