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One thing I would like to start off with is right at our road .

[Do you know how much trash is on our road?] Me and my mom go out a lot to pick trash out of the ditch and there is so much trash. I am surprised to see how much trash there is.[Funny story: me and my mom found dirty underwear Gross] I mean 'come on' it goes into our streams and lakes and it makes me sad to see all of it.

I feel the people of Vermont should take responsibility for their actions, but there was something today that made me happy [march 22]. When I was on the bus looking out the window I saw a man picking up trash and that made me so happy and hopeful. My mom and I like to volunteer with helping the city clean up their trash. Me, my friend, and my mom, went up to Montreal to clean up by the river. I care so much about the environment. When I'm going down the road to my school, and I see so much trash on the side of the road, it makes me feel so sad, but I know people can make a difference.

Not all of Vermont is bad, like the train station down in Waterbury Village. It is nice and clean, and I'm glad to see the park nice and clean. If I was the governor of Vermont, I would put signs saying you will be fined \$500 if you litter and I would put them everywhere. If we keep up this littering it could become a big problem.

Let me tell you what was found on my road. THERE WAS A MATTRESS AND WASHING MACHINE THROWN DOWN IN THE DITCH. WHAT THE HECK?! I think we should make signs and other stuff to help this littering problem. Earth Day is a good day for the community to go out and clean the streets and take time out of their day to make these little differences in Vermont.

Something I want is more signs and I would like people not to throw their stuff onto people's roads. This could cause some serious problems for Vermont, like when you throw a plastic material out the window, it could make microplastics that could get into our food and could get into our body and that will not be good for us. On March 23, I was walking down the road and I was so sad to see how much trash there was. I mean there was so much trash it filled the side of the road I was walking on.

I feel we should get cameras and that would catch the litter bugs. I feel if someone gets caught dumping, make their land a dump. Just saying. One thing I like that people are doing is that they use solar power and that is a thing that we should get used to. It will make a big difference in Vermont. I feel that you should make a lower income dump for people that don't have that much money, because people don't want to pay for their stuff to get dumped properly.

Another thing I would like to talk about is trails. I love trails and that is one of the things about Vermont that I love and I think we should keep that up. This is all I have to say. I hope you like this good day or night.

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