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I am driven by the rapidly declining conditions of our planet's environment. My passion for helping the environment blossomed at an eminently young age. Being raised as a vegetarian, I have always been acutely aware of the danger our environment faces daily. Through volunteering in eco-friendly clubs such as Keep Colorado Green Club and River Watch, my knowledge around the environment and the dangers it faces has grown. The planet that we know as home is in dire need of support. As each day passes by, the quandaries of air pollution, water pollution, global warming, decreasing biodiversity, and waste management grow increasingly worse, and the urgency of solving these dilemmas rises. Unmanaged chemicals coming from factories and cars together produce over 75% of greenhouse gas emissions, a colossal contribution to global warming. This results in the melting of glaciers and ice sheets, which over time is causing sea levels to rise. As this happens, coastal areas will flood and erode. As water pollution grows each day due to industrial waste, oil leakage, mining, and fertilization, biodiversity rapidly decreases, water once drunk by both humans and animals becomes contaminated, and countless ecosystems are destroyed. Millions of animals die each year due to mishandled waste management. When waste is managed incorrectly, leachate, alongside dangerous dioxins produced when plastic is burned, is released into the air, contributing largely to air pollution. These complications are just a few of many dilemmas that the environment is facing globally. They need attention immediately, and I am driven to find solutions that will overcome these roadblocks. I am determined to give back to the Earth that raised me and become more educated on how I can do so through earning a degree in environmental engineering. In my future, I hope to reach my goal of becoming a successful environmental engineer, leading me to develop new and innovative ideas that will protect nature's ecosystems and aid in forming the foundations for a more sustainable world. Whether I am working hands-on to create eco-friendly models, designing modernized wind turbines behind a computer, advocating for environmental rights, or out in nature picking up trash, I am determined to leave my mark and make up for the perilous ecological footprint that me and so many others have left on our perishing planet. I am driven by the need to strengthen our Earth, provide a better home for generations in the future, and help our planet truly flourish.