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Dear Farmington City Council:

My name is Abbi Tyree and I am an 8th grade student who goes to St. Paul Lutheran School. On behalf of the entire 8th grade class, I am hoping to convince you that our town desperately needs a recycling drop-off facility. Why? Because recycling will help to keep our environment and world a healthier and safer place not just for people that live in the today, but for the people who are going to live in the tomorrow. Encouraging recycling will help the generations to come, the people who will rule the future. Recycling will make it a better place for your children, my children, and even my great-grandchildren and these are the people who will inherit our world.

Our class has surveyed 22 cities of which 13 cities replied to us, some around our own area, and 11 out of those 13 have recycling plans and centers in their towns.

Everything can be recycled! Common household materials, old computer and electronics, old car parts, etc... The most common materials that are recycled each year are plastic, aluminum, glass, and paper. If you throw away your plastic bottles instead of recycling, it will end up in a landfill and it takes 700 years to even start to decompose. Recycling one aluminum can can save enough energy to power a T.V. for 3 hours. Glass can be recycled an indefinite number of times and it will never wear out. Each year Americans throw away enough office paper to build a twelve foot high wall of paper from Seattle to New York.

As you can tell recycling is very easy, it's good for the environment, and it will help our town. Our class is participating in a worldwide website contest called CyberFair. We are in the Environmental Awareness Category, and our subject is recycling. We are trying to get platinum in our category, which would require us to change something in our community.

We hope that we can convince you that this change would be good for our city. We have already talked and met with Mr. Greg Beavers, Mr. Alan AuBuchon, and Mrs. Jeannie Roberts, and they all agree with the fact that we REALLY need a recycling center in Farmington. Recently our school/church received a recycling drop off box. By getting this box we are trying to set an example for our community. We are trying to show that even the smallest things that you do can help make a difference. We as a school and as a congregation are but a small percentage of the population of Farmington, and now we have recycling. By doing this we are hoping to convince you that recycling could help us to grow more up to date with things that are growing more popular around us, such as recycling. If we as a small church and school could recycle and help our environment...why couldn't our whole community? By adding a small recycling center we could be the ones: the ones who are making a difference, the ones who are trying to help change our community, the ones who are there trying to help save the world, the ones who are Recycling Today to Save Tomorrow, the ones who are Joining the Movement!

So help us be those ones! Help us to help the world! Help us to recycle! Add a recycling center to Farmington, so that we can all JOIN THE MOVEMENT!

Sincerely,
Abbi Tyree