Nathaniel S. Borenstein disagrees with Berry’s opinion about why he will never buy a computer. The letter writer argues that he doesn’t care if Berry uses a computer or not but he believes that computers are helpful because he says that computers save time, money, and paper. And in fact environmentalists use computers to send updates about legislative issues on the environment.

We agree with Mr. Borenstein that computers are good for the environment because they transport information more quickly through social media. For example, when the tornado in Moore, Oklahoma hit, the news spread through social media and mobile phones Social media is better than newspapers because it spreads information faster, it keeps everyone connected, and it reduces the amount of paper use. After Hurricane Sandy, people could send money through their phones to relief organizations to help fix the damages. Computers also helped calculate the damage, the costs and the casualties from the storm.

Some people believe that computers are not good for the environment because computers use a lot of energy. People also throw away outdated technology. Sometimes it is recycled, but many times it is thrown into the landfill. The chemicals from the computer get into the environment. Nowadays a lot of people print more than they need for school papers and work, and that does not save trees, increasing other environmental issues like our carbon output.

Although these arguments are very strong, we believe that computers do more good than harm. Computers send information faster and more efficiently. They keep us safe by informing us about potential dangers. Being informed helps us to be prepared for future events so that we can respond more quickly. Therefore, we disagree with Wendell Berry’s opinion about computers because we think that they are good for the environment.