Dear Mr. Berry,

             Technology is evolving; it can lead to atrocious failures or wonderful successes based on its applications.  Although production of new technology can causes waste and pollution in the world, it can also be harnessed to help save the environment. Like you, we believe that taking care of nature is of utmost importance. Therefore technology can be used as a powerful tool to achieve this goal. Humans have been creating and using technology since the dawn of man, therefore it is only natural for use to use it in a positive way. Technology, although its innovation occasionally stagnates, comes in many forms, moves in a positive direction, and should be embraced.

Technology comes in all shapes and sizes. From an arrow head to the Apollo Moon Landing or from cuneiform tablets and styli to ballpoint pens, technology has been with us as a species since our birth. The beauty of innovation is that it opens up new possibilities that no one has imagined in the past. When the ancient Sumerians wrote on their clay tablets with their styli, they would have never imagined writing on a processed and refined piece of parchment with ink. That is the beauty of innovation.  Innovation is driven by the need to improve one’s environment, so by rejecting the innovations of your time, you are putting yourself at a disadvantage to others.

With this ever growing technological sphere comes the question of actual usefulness. Though some of your rules for the purchase worthiness of a product are completely reasonable, such as it being cheaper than the one it is replacing, some are very circumstantial and driven by your ideals, which some may not agree with. For some, repair shops for computers are right around the corner from their homes, and there isn’t a locally owned and run store for miles. You, on the other hand, live on a farm and are probably miles from the nearest town, meaning you need to be self-sufficient, so your rules work for you and a couple others, but don’t extend far past that.

Though your main issue with technology is that you do not want to contribute to the “rape of nature”, you don’t seem to recognize the hypocrisy of your lifestyle. You say that you only want to write on paper, yet this requires the consumption of natural resources that could otherwise be preserved if you used a computer. You worry about the use of power produced by coal, though this form of power is obsolete in modern times. We have moved on to more resourceful sources, such as nuclear-power, solar-power, and hydro-power.

Technology is evolving constantly, always moving towards something more complex and useful. This technology can be found in many shapes and sizes, and has been with us as a species for thousands of years. If we properly use technology to address problems instead of ignoring it, then we can better save nature.