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9. Marty Harbin - Represents the Republican Party.
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12. Colton Moore - Represents the Republican Party.
13. Sheikh Rahman - Represents the Democratic Party.
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Step 2: Current Environmental Legislation in Georgia Georgia has several legislative measures in place to protect the environment. Some notable ones include:

1. The Georgia Environmental Justice Act of 2023 (HB 260 and HB 495): This legislation establishes a 22-member commission to analyze environmental issues, conduct case studies, and prepare reports on facilities requiring environmental permits².
2. HB 997: Exempts forestry equipment from statewide ad valorem taxes (pending a referendum). Agricultural equipment is already exempt.
3. HB 1349: Updates Georgia's No Net Loss requirement to include over 200,000 acres of hunting and fishing land added since 2005.
4. HB 343: Imposes stronger penalties on poaching.
5. HB 586: Extends the sunset on the Conservation Use Value Assessment (CUVA).
6. HB 1147: Provides for year-round hunting season on raccoons and opossums on non-public land.
7. HB 1148: Implements stronger requirements for deer brought into Georgia from states with confirmed cases of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD)³.

Step 3: Committee Chair and Members' Contact Information

- Chair (Lee Anderson):
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Step 4: Letter draft (will be put in canva soon),

Dear Senator Lee Anderson,

My name is Jamir McFadden, and I'm a student at Morrow High School. I hope this letter finds you well.

I recently learned about the critical role your committee plays in protecting our environment here in Georgia. As a young person who cares deeply about our planet, I wanted to share my concerns and seek your guidance.

The Issue: Plastic Pollution One of the most pressing environmental issues we face is plastic pollution. Plastic waste harms our wildlife, pollutes our rivers, and threatens our ecosystems. Every time I see plastic bags floating in the wind or plastic bottles littering our parks, I feel a sense of urgency to take action.

My Proposal: Plastic Reduction Initiatives I believe we can make a difference by implementing the following initiatives:

1. **Ban Single-Use Plastics:** Let's encourage businesses to switch from single-use plastic bags and straws to more sustainable alternatives. Reusable bags and metal straws are cool, and they won't end up in our oceans.

2. Promote Recycling Education: We need better education about recycling. Maybe we could organize workshops in schools to teach kids how to recycle properly. I'd love to learn more about what happens to our recyclables after we toss them in the blue bins.
3. Community Clean-Up Days: Imagine if we all came together for regular clean-up events. We could pick up trash in our neighborhoods, parks, and along our rivers.

Why I'm Writing to You Senator Anderson, I know you're busy, but I believe that young voices matter. We're the ones inheriting this beautiful state, and we want to protect it for generations to come. Can you please share your thoughts on my proposals? Maybe we can work together to make Georgia greener!

Thank you for your time, and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Jamir McFadden