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Dear Ms. Wood:

I have decided to write about dog owners not picking up after their dogs because there is a problem that affects me directly with my neighbors. I also know that it has an effect on people's attitudes toward all dog owners. In my paper "Please Pick Me," I'm working to encourage dog owners to take action on this problem by using persuasive and educational message for all kind of audiences. I am aiming this editorial at *The El Paso Times* I expect with my argument to make an impact not only on pet owners, but also people in general to conserve the place where we live.

I'm very proud of the evidence I used here. In fact, I found out a number of facts I was not aware of. For example, did you know that "a single gram of dog feces contains twenty-three types of different bacteria, including E. coli, salmonella, and giardia"? In addition, I used some thoughts from a city worker who often had to deal with dog waste when cleaning up local parks. I think this combination of different kinds of evidence creates strong points to help me convince my readers.

I'm not sure about whether or not I was able to get a tone and voice that will encourage readers to listen and not just make them shut it off. I don't want this to be just another lecture. I tried to do this by using the collective "we/us/our" to include myself in these issues, and by also using my experience and the personal "I/me/my" so that readers know I expect to do this myself as well. Please give me some feedback on that. I'd like to know if there are more ways I can be more

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to your feedback and help.

Sincerely,

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