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Dear Sir/Madam,

If you are concerned about droughts, then promote a vegan humanity: most fresh water is used for animal-ag (globally). We could rewild an area the size of the continent of Africa with a vegan humanity. We are down to less than 4% of mammalian wildlife biomass left on earth; reason: animal-ag (& to many humans). The climate crisis is directly linked to the destruction of ecosystems, and everything I've just mentioned here. It is *intact ecosystems*, that have evolved over millions of years, that capture carbon, not Teslas, etc. So if you are *truly* concerned about droughts in our area, then again, promote a vegan humanity.

Best regards,  
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"Two things are infinite: the universe and human stupidity. And I'm not sure about the universe." (Albert Einstein)

"Life consists with wildness. The most alive is the wildest. Not yet subdued to man, its presence refreshes him." (Henry David Thoreau)

"The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated." (Gandhi)

"Reason, is the slave of passions." (David Hume)

"Religion is the masterpiece of the art of animal training, for it trains people as to how they shall think." (Arthur Schopenhauer)

"The more unintelligent a man is, the less mysterious existence seems to him." (Arthur Schopenhauer)