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Dear Margaret Haddix,

While I read the book *Among the Imposters* my future started to flash right before my eyes. I know from reading the book that I need to do something to change what others think, if they are thinking about doing something terrible wrong. This book has established the freedoms in Luke's life and how it's different than the freedoms we have today. If we keep adding laws in our country, the government is going to take our freedoms away, and watch our every move.

I feel that I'm like Luke because he tends to break the rules a little bit but doesn't get caught. Luke is more willing to change the thoughts and ways of others, by speaking his mind. If you look back in history and see what all the famous people in our world have done, some of them have done some pretty weird stuff. Like Van Gogh, chopping off his ear and giving it to his girlfriend, that is the kind of dedication that Luke has to change the laws of his country. This has changed my words and now I speak my mind and my heart.

The government in the book has a way to control the obesity problem and the over population problem in their world. Some aspects in the book should be added to our world but not all of the rules should be exactly the same. The government controls the population in the book by calling the third child in each family illegal. This put an odd feeling in my mind knowing that my younger brother and I would be illegal and miss all the great aspects in life.

In the book the government controls the obesity problem by making all junk food illegal, but I think that is a harsh law. Where do you draw the line in the book between health foods and non-healthy foods? If our country would take away all the junk food, the people in our country would have to change their eating habits, and trust me, that wouldn't be easy.

This was a great opportunity for me to find out what life may be like in the future if nobody speaks up for the rest of us. If I were you I would vote every chance I got, so I could do what is right. The entire book was a great experience for me to feel the differences between my world and Luke's world and how it can change if nobody speaks up for the rest of us. Now go out and speak up, for others may laugh at you, but in the end you will only be motivated more to do what's right. It could be you, that changes our world today or tomorrow, so speak up and do what is right, for all the famous ones have.

Sincerely,

Colin Thorson