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Dear Taylor,

I hope all is well. It's been just under three months since the crash of the stock market. All I can say about this tragedy is, it's been very difficult. I've fortunately been able to continue to go to school. Others haven't been as lucky and good proof of that is how our class size has greatly diminished. I can't begin to imagine if I couldn't go to school anymore.

I've been spending most of every morning before school studying the local paper, seeing if I can see some kind of pattern in the stocks telling me when they'll begin to rise. As of now, all I've seen for a pattern is dropping everyday. At school, my teacher made us look through the reports of the movements of multiple stocks, to be able to learn from this disaster. One thing we've learned is that the stocks won't go bag up till people invest in them, but they can't because their savings were in the banks that have been going bankrupt and collapsing! While we were reading the paper we saw that stocks were dropping up to 1,000,000 dollars every minute, which is equivalent to 12,000 dollars every time—you can say wow! What this has really showed me is that I'm very lucky to not have to go out to work or to the streets with the 1000's of children already out there.

If I had to go out to the streets or to work, I'd be devastated! That would mean no more chance of being a lawyer, nothing. Although, if I were on the streets that'd be the least of my worries. I'd be worried about being able to eat, and having clothes. We've learnt this is already a thing of the past for some children, due to no one having money! It's sad to think father may be relying on me soon to work and make money for the family if his employer cannot pay him at all anymore.

Despite the hardships we may be having here at home, we are getting by. We still have our family and that's the most important thing for us right now. Write back soon Taylor!

Sincerely,

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