

# Global Connections Initiative

*All Earth's systems are connected*



# Why the Local Movement is Crucial to Global Sustainability



# American Independent Business Alliance (AMIBA)



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of every **\$100** you spend at...

...Big Box Retailer  
**\$13** stays in the community

...Local Business  
**\$45** stays in the community

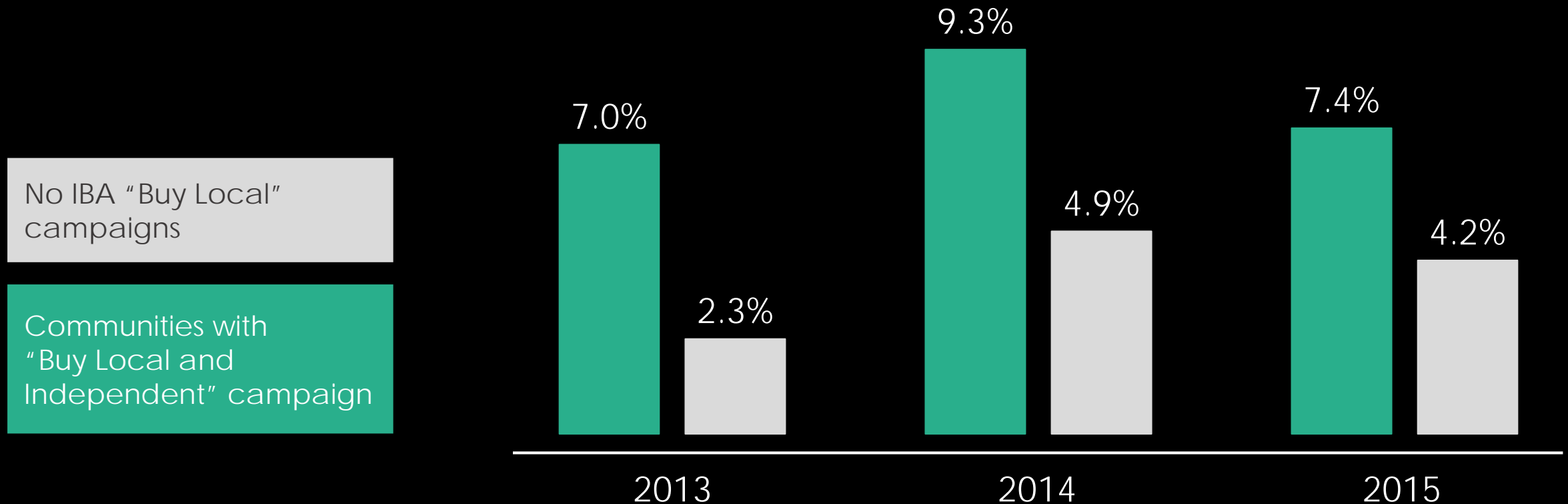
# New Economic Foundation (UK)



“ Twice the money stays in the community when folks buy locally. That means those purchases are twice as efficient in terms of keeping the local economy alive. ”

# Institute for Local Self-Reliance

Year-to-year sales increases among independent businesses with and without Independent Business Alliance (IBA) "Buy Local" campaigns



Source: [www.amiba.net/buy-local-campaigns/](http://www.amiba.net/buy-local-campaigns/)  
Data: Institute for Local Self-Reliance

# Think Globally

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# Act Locally

+ 10%



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**FUEL**

310,000  
gallons

**Congestion**

**Sprawl**

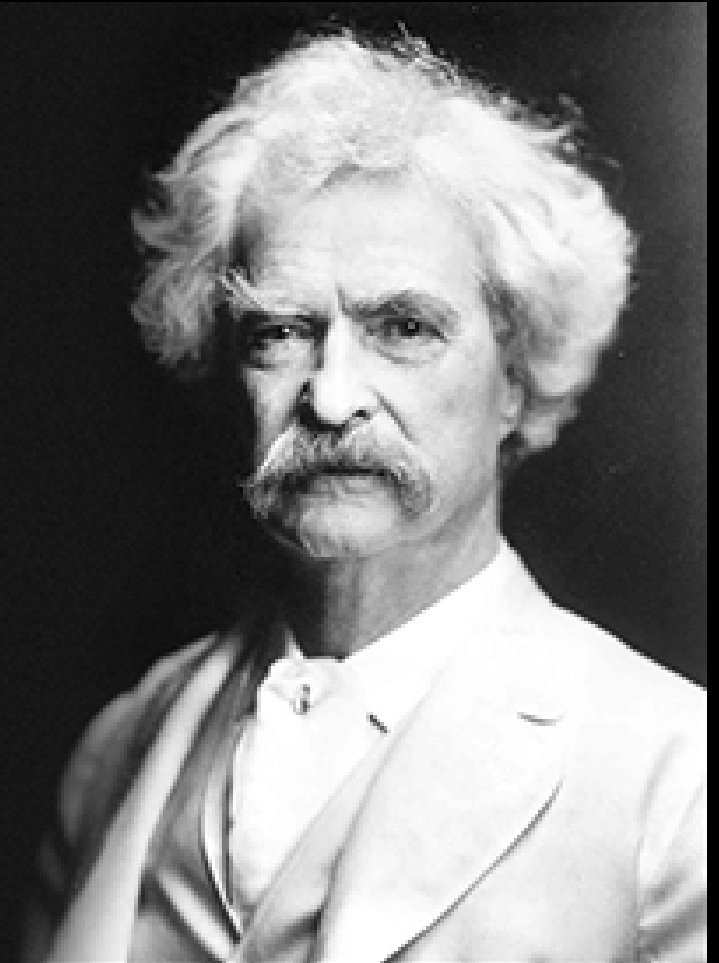
**CO<sub>2</sub>**

7.3 million  
pounds

**Habitat  
Destruction**



"There are three kinds of lies:  
lies, damned lies, and  
statistics."





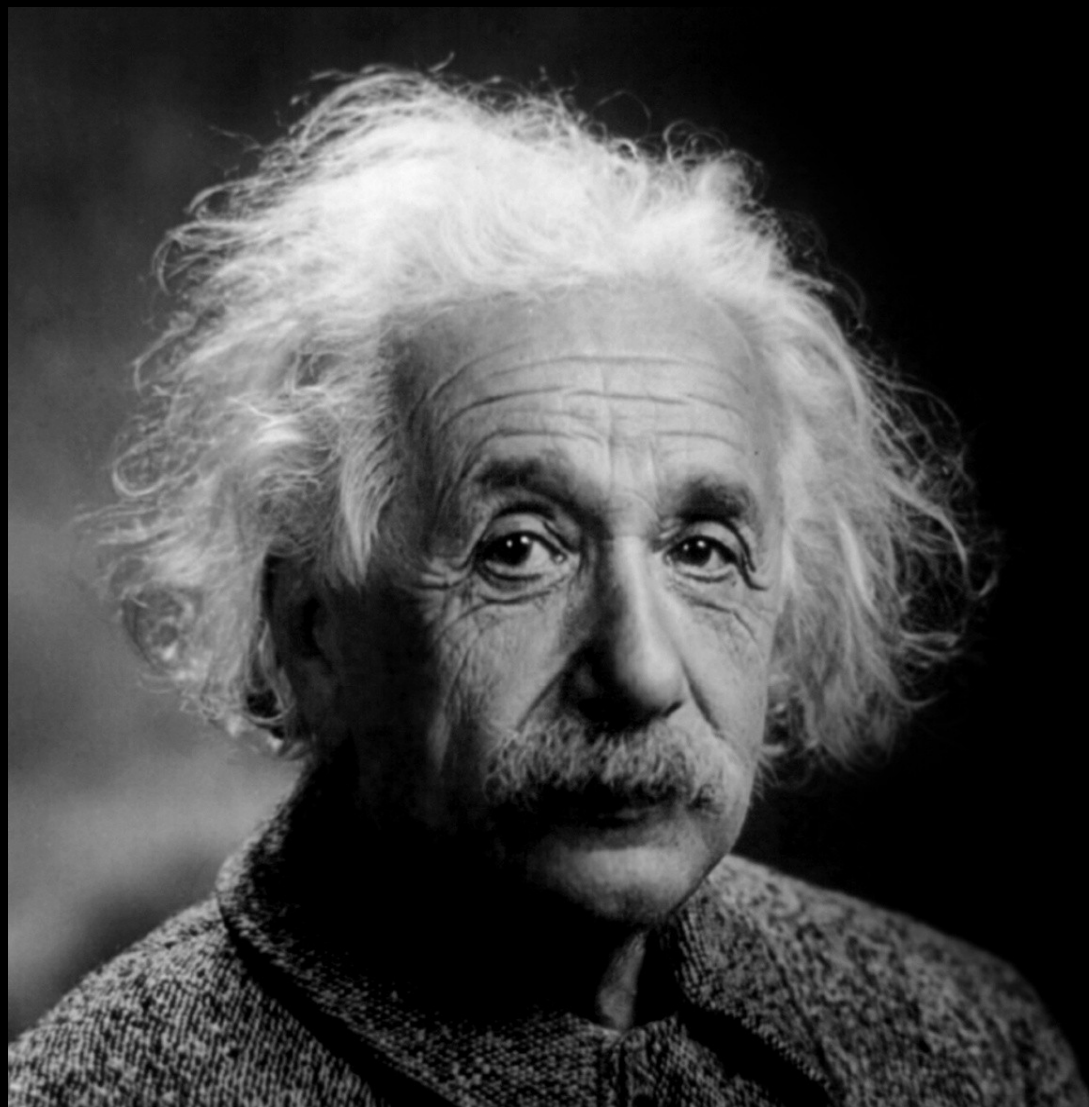
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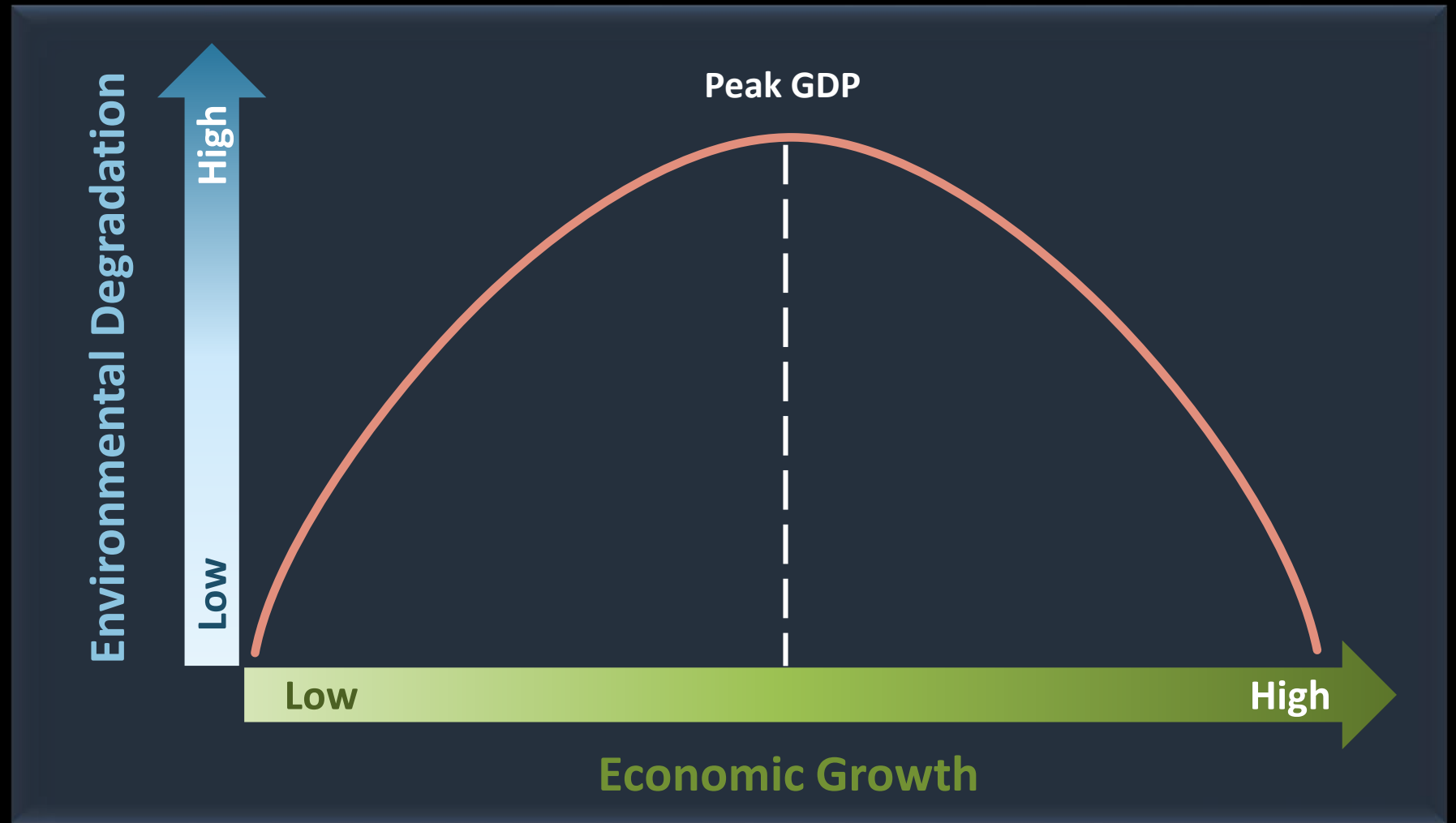


"We cannot solve our problems  
with the same thinking we used  
when we created them."

*Albert Einstein*

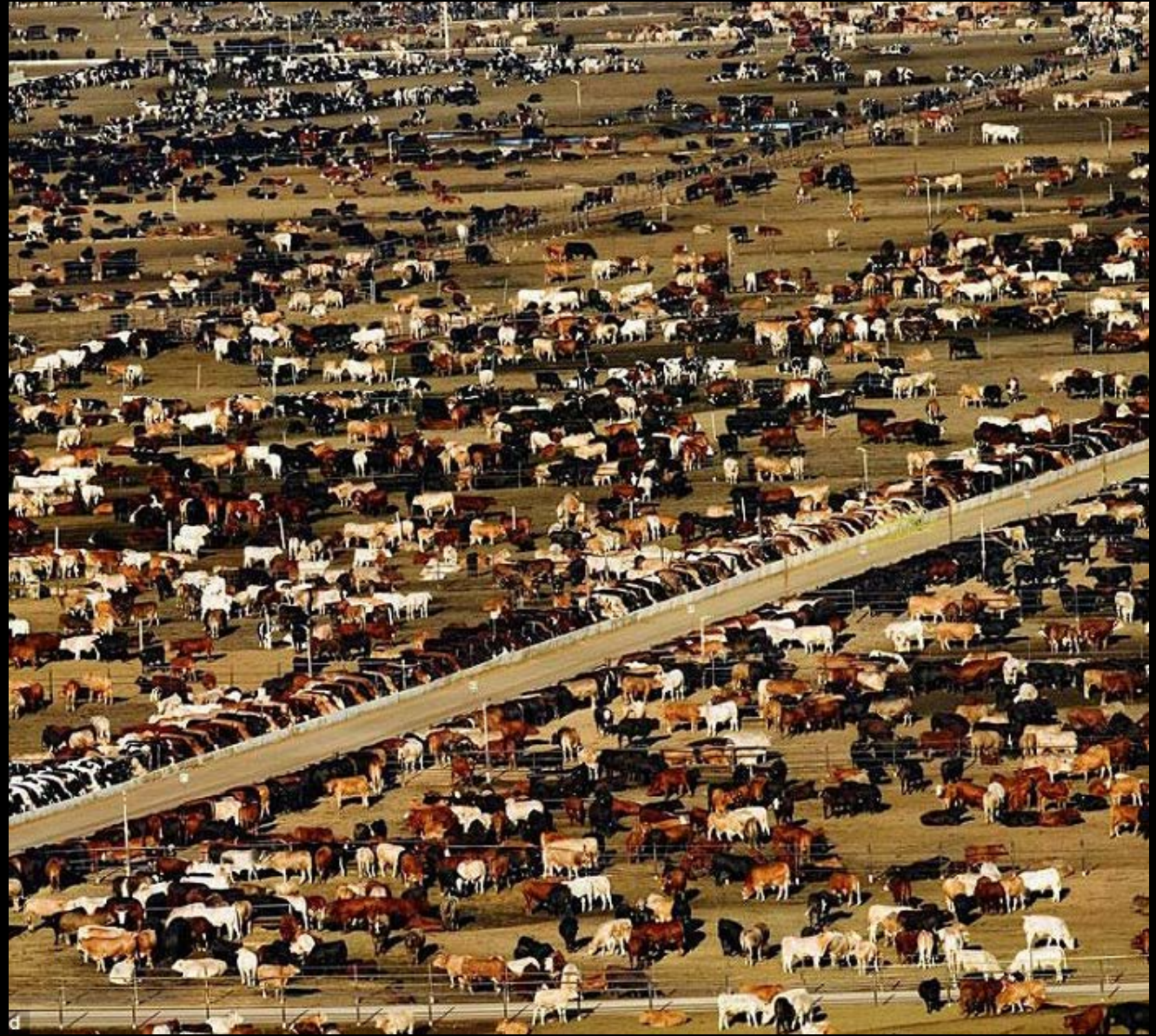


# Environmental Kuznets Curve























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