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B: The author does not mock the issue at any point, nor is there a tone of amusement, since the author takes the issue seriously. Answer choice (B) is clearly incorrect and can be eliminated immediately.

C: The author does not directly encourage action. Nor does the author seem to give in and assume the problem is inevitable, so there is no sense of quiet resignation. Answer choice (C) cannot be correct.

E: The author might very well be angry, but this tone is not apparent in the passage. And although the author's concern might be righteous, this does not suggest in itself that the author's tone is one of righteous anger. Answer choice (E), therefore, cannot be correct.