

## Petitions that the JPIC Office has signed in 2009

Names of Petition	Action	Updates on Petition:
<b>Fall 2009</b>		
"Help END the #1 genetic killer of young children!	Via on-line	Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA), the #1 genetic killer of young children! Some facts about SMA: SMA is the #1 genetic killer of young children, Fewer than 1 in 35 people unknowingly carrying the gene responsible for SMA, 1 in every 6,000 babies is born with SMA; SMA prevalence is comparable to ALS and Cystic Fibrosis, SMA impacts the ability to walk, sit, stand, eat, breathe, and swallow. SMA does not impact the mind and children with SMA are bright and social. For more information and to advocate go to <a href="http://www.fightsma.org/">http://www.fightsma.org/</a>
California Employee Free Choice Act	Via on-line	Please take action today and tell them to pass SB789, a bill that will give farm workers the power to protect themselves. This bill will make it easier for farm workers to organize, speak up to improve working conditions and help enforce the laws that CA's government cannot enforce. SB789 passed the CA state senate and will next be heard in the assembly and then go to Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger. To advocate go to <a href="http://www.ufwaction.org/campaign/blueberriesheat/bb5eew9a7x8iib8">http://www.ufwaction.org/campaign/blueberriesheat/bb5eew9a7x8iib8</a>
Tell Congress: Stand with the late Senator Kennedy to Reform Health Care	Via on-line	On July 23, the Senate seek not vote on health reform before the summer recess which means the House most likely won't act either — putting the votes off until September. We will continue to follow this issue after the summer break. *The Obama Administration has created a new website called <b>Health Insurance Reform Reality Check</b> , we encourage you to visit <a href="http://www.whitehouse.gov/realitycheck/">http://www.whitehouse.gov/realitycheck/</a> and get the facts and updates on Healthcare Reform. <b>Update:</b> On November 7, the U.S. House of Representatives approved the "Affordable Health Care for America Act" (H.R. 3962).for more information on this continued issue visit the JPIC Office Blog website @ <a href="http://www.wheatonfranciscan-jpic.org/jpicofficeblog.html">http://www.wheatonfranciscan-jpic.org/jpicofficeblog.html</a> .
Tell the Department of Homeland Security to improve the treatment of asylum seekers immediately	Via on-line @ Human Rights First	Each year, thousands of men and women flee persecution in their own countries to seek asylum and protection in the United States. But when they arrive here, many of these asylum seekers find themselves held in jails and jail-like facilities, often without any opportunity to have a judge review the need for their continued detention. Right now, the new leadership of the Department of Homeland Security has an opportunity to make things right, but we need your help to make sure they know the public is demanding change. Please write the Department of Homeland Security today and urge them to improve the treatment of asylum seekers immediately! To advocate <a href="http://www.humanrightsfirst.org/asylum/asylum.aspx">http://www.humanrightsfirst.org/asylum/asylum.aspx</a> .
Support a Nuclear Weapon-Free Zone in the Middle East	Via on-line	Recently in Cairo, President Obama said, "It is clear to all concerned that when it comes to nuclear weapons, we have reached a decisive point. This is...about preventing a nuclear arms race in the Middle East that could lead this region and the world down a hugely dangerous path." The good news is that all countries party to the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) agreed in 1995 to exert their utmost efforts to establish a "Middle East zone free of nuclear and all other weapons of mass destruction and their delivery systems." The bad news is that this agreement was made 14 years ago, and to date there has been no progress. However, most countries in the Middle East see this agreement as linked to the indefinite extension of the NPT. Write to President Obama today and ask him to use the convening power of the United States to begin negotiations on a Middle East Nuclear Weapon-Free Zone (NWFZ). Go to <a href="http://capwiz.com/wagingpeace/issues/alert/?alertid=13535261">http://capwiz.com/wagingpeace/issues/alert/?alertid=13535261</a> <b>* A Major Step Forward on Nuclear Disarmament:</b> Just weeks ago, thousands of you took action by writing to President Obama, asking him to provide strong US leadership for a nuclear weapons-free world at the UN Security Council meeting on September 24. <b>Your action paid off!</b> While President Obama didn't manage to accomplish everything we had hoped for at this meeting, he established the United States as a leader for nuclear disarmament. He clearly realized that preventing proliferation will not be possible without a serious commitment to nuclear disarmament. He secured unanimous support for UN Security Council Resolution 1887, which makes a "revitalized commitment to work toward a world without nuclear weapons." <a href="#">Please take a moment to thank President Obama</a> for his leadership in convening and chairing this important meeting.
Send a letter to President Obama, urging him to announce his plan for Sudan NOW.	Via on-line	More than two months ago, President Obama reminded us of his commitment and obligation to end the atrocities in Darfur. Since then, we've been anxiously waiting to see his plan for peace. By publicly releasing his plan, President Obama can rally other nations to do everything they can to support peace as well. We're waiting, the people of Darfur are waiting, and time is running out. Please join us and send a message to President Obama urging him to announce his plan for Sudan NOW. Click below to send your letter to President Obama: <a href="http://action.savedarfur.org/campaign/obamarollout">http://action.savedarfur.org/campaign/obamarollout</a> , * Earlier today-Monday August 10, the U.S. Special Envoy Scott Gratton released the following statement visit <a href="http://blogfordarfur.org/category/obama_administration/">http://blogfordarfur.org/category/obama_administration/</a> <b>Update:</b> Why the urgency: two breaking news items: On October 19, Secretary Clinton,

		<p>Ambassador Rice, and General Gration all spoke of the “sense of urgency” in dealing with Sudan’s interlocking crises. Two breaking headlines from Sudan today confirm the urgent necessity of finding a durable solution to Darfur and preventing the collapse of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement... to read more visit <a href="http://blogfordarfur.org/archives/1807">http://blogfordarfur.org/archives/1807</a>. <b>Update November:</b> <b>Tell Pres. Obama to make peace in Sudan a priority on his trip to China &amp; Japan.</b> So advocate visit <a href="http://action.savedarfur.org/campaign/obamachina">http://action.savedarfur.org/campaign/obamachina</a></p>
American Christians' support of Israeli-Palestinian peacemaking will be clearly heard by the Obama Administration.	Via on-line	<p>Over fifty American Christian leaders and congregants of the Catholic, Evangelical, Protestant, Orthodox and historic African American traditions have joined together to declare their support for robust U.S. peacemaking efforts and to call for meaningful progress to achieve a just and lasting two-state peace. Please <a href="#">add your name</a> to the Christians Support Bold Action for Holy Land Peace campaign today and join your fellow American Christians in supporting strong peace efforts by the Obama Administration. Visit <a href="http://action.cmep.org/t/4029/signUp.jsp?key=1013">http://action.cmep.org/t/4029/signUp.jsp?key=1013</a> to add your name. <b>Update:</b> On September 22, President Obama held tri-lateral meetings on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and President Mahmoud Abbas to try and jump start final status negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians. In response to this effort, Christian leaders from a variety of traditions, along with a diverse group of ethnic and religious leaders, issued a statement of principles supporting strong U.S. leadership to achieve a negotiated, sustainable resolution to the conflict. The opportunity to change the status quo is here now! Don't waste this precious moment, to add your name to show you support Middle East Peace! Go to <a href="http://action.cmep.org/t/4317/p/dia/action/public/?action_KEY=1160">http://action.cmep.org/t/4317/p/dia/action/public/?action_KEY=1160</a></p>
Pledge to Fight for Health Care Reform That Meets the Needs of Women & Their Families	Via on-line	<p>Too many women struggle to get the health care they need. The consequences of our broken health care system can greatly damage women’s health, work, and financial well-being. Take the pledge to fight for health care reform that meets the needs of women and their families. To pledge and advocate go to <a href="http://action.nwlc.org/site/PageServer?pagename=homepage">http://action.nwlc.org/site/PageServer?pagename=homepage</a></p>
Tell your senators It's Time to Invest in Agriculture. We can convince the Senate to invest in ending hunger and set an example for the rest of the G8	Via on-line @ ONE Campaign	<p>Please click this link <a href="http://www.one.org/us/ag09/">http://www.one.org/us/ag09/</a> to send an urgent message to your senators. Ask them to make sure the Senate Appropriations Committee fully-funds the president’s request for a \$1.36 billion investment in smart, targeted global agricultural investments that will stop hunger in its tracks. Help build global momentum to end hunger by asking the authors of the State-Foreign Operations appropriations bill, Senator Patrick Leahy or Senator Judd Gregg, to support full-funding for the President’s request for \$1.36 billion in global agricultural development funding. <b>Update:</b> On June 11, the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture approved by voice vote a FY 2010 spending bill that would provide \$22.9 billion in discretionary spending, \$79 million less than the Administration’s budget request, but more than FY 2009 spending levels. To view a summary table of the House Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee recommendations, please click <a href="http://appropriations.house.gov/pdf/FY2010_Ag_Summary_Table%20SubC-06-11-2009.pdf">http://appropriations.house.gov/pdf/FY2010_Ag_Summary_Table%20SubC-06-11-2009.pdf</a></p>
Lieberman-Warner climate bill:	Via on-line @ the ONE Campaign	<p>The Senate is beginning work on a major climate change bill. But there’s no guarantee that their legislation will do enough to help people in the developing world confront climate-driven devastation, including increased droughts, floods and storms, eroded coastlines, falling crop yields, and the spread of waterborne and insect-driven diseases. It's up to us to make sure the climate bill currently being written in the Senate directs 5% of any revenue to helping the world's poorest people meet this dire new challenge. To advocate by urging the senators go to <a href="http://www.one.org/us/climatefive/">http://www.one.org/us/climatefive/</a></p>
Enough is enough: Tell Secretary Napolitano that it's time for real reform on Immigration raids	Via on-line	<p>Imagine waking up to pounding on your front door, you and your kids forced to the floor in your pajamas, heavily armed agents rifling their way through your home as the kids scream out in terror. Now, imagine armed federal agents barging into your home without legal consent ; to take action go to <a href="http://americasvoiceonline.org/page/content/enough?source=RI4A">http://americasvoiceonline.org/page/content/enough?source=RI4A</a>  <b>* August may be recess for Congress,</b> but that doesn't mean we're taking a break in the fight for comprehensive immigration reform. We wanted to give you a quick update on the movement so far, and what we need to do this month to keep our momentum going into Labor Day. First, I wanted to let you know that you and our fellow activists made a big impact by signing the petition to the Department of Homeland Security to tell them to hold off on home raids and to focus on reform instead. Thousands of us signed the petition, and thousands more called Homeland Security to demand that they take action! People are outraged about the kind of broken enforcement policies that the <a href="#">New York Times recently discussed</a>, and <a href="#">Homeland Security announced yesterday</a> that changes are coming to their detention policies. Thank you for your hard work! It's a step in the right direction, but we know that so much more change is needed at the Department of Homeland Security and across our immigration system.  Second, I know that you're interested in what we'll be doing this month to gear up for a</p>

		possible Congressional debate in September. All across the country, coalition groups are holding rallies, town hall meetings, and other events to convince their Member of Congress that the time is now for comprehensive immigration reform. To find an event near you, <a href="#">check out this interactive map</a> - new events are being added every day, so make sure you stop by frequently.
Support H.R. 3200 Health Care Bill	Via on-line @ Franciscan Action Network	Join tens of thousands of health care advocates telling Congress that health reform can't wait. Ask your Representative to support the House health care bill (H.R. 3200) today! To advocate and learn more visit <a href="https://secure2.convio.net/hwlc/site/Advocacy?cmd=display&amp;page=UserAction&amp;id=373">https://secure2.convio.net/hwlc/site/Advocacy?cmd=display&amp;page=UserAction&amp;id=373</a> <b>We Need Humane &amp; Just Health Care Reform Now:</b> Encourage your Senators to move forward on Health Care Reform. Right now, the Senate is shaping Health Care Reform. It is imperative that your Senators hear the desire for what health care reform would look like from a Franciscan perspective. Visit <a href="http://www.capwiz.com/franciscanaction/issues/alert/?alertid=14072206&amp;type=CO">http://www.capwiz.com/franciscanaction/issues/alert/?alertid=14072206&amp;type=CO</a>
Let's all send a thank you note to all peacekeepers	Via on-line	61 Years of UN Peacekeeping: Send a Letter Thanking Peacekeepers for Their Service. To view a video from George Clooney and send a thank you note visit <a href="http://www.globalproblems-globalsolutions.org/site/PageServer?pagename=BWC_Peacekeeping_Thankyou_2009">http://www.globalproblems-globalsolutions.org/site/PageServer?pagename=BWC_Peacekeeping_Thankyou_2009</a>
Stop VULTURE Funds Act (HR 2932) in the House of Representatives	Via on-line @ JubileeUSA	Since Representative Maxine Waters (D-CA) and Spencer Bachus (R-AL) re-introduced the bill in June, <a href="#">15 representatives have signed on as cosponsors</a> . We need many more cosponsors to demonstrate the political will to move forward with this important piece of legislation! Your organization's support will help us to build the support in Congress we need to pass this important legislation. Please consider signing on your organization to the following letter calling for members of Congress to co-sponsor the "Stop VULTURE Funds" Act. <b>Update: On November 4:</b> Urge Congress to Stop THE VULTURE Funds Act (H.R. 6796) which was also introduced in 2008. Visit <a href="http://salsa.democracynaction.org/o/863/t/10067/campaign.jsp?campaign_KEY=28105">http://salsa.democracynaction.org/o/863/t/10067/campaign.jsp?campaign_KEY=28105</a> to advocate.
End the discriminatory HIV travel ban	Via on-line	The Obama Administration is poised to lift a decades-old discriminatory ban that prohibits HIV+ people from entering the US. Please join us and Physicians for Human Rights in showing your support for this historic policy change and recognition of human rights for all people. To advocate visit <a href="http://actnow-phr.org/phr/alert-description.tcl?alert_id=25966396">http://actnow-phr.org/phr/alert-description.tcl?alert_id=25966396</a> . <b>Update: On October 30,</b> President Obama announced the end of the discriminatory US HIV Travel Ban. Starting in 2010, people living with HIV will no longer be barred from entering the United States — no longer turned away at our borders, no longer forced to hide their condition and interrupt medical treatment, no longer treated by our government with contempt. To read the presidents comments visit <a href="http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/remarks-president-signing-ryan-white-hiv-aids-treatment-extension-act-2009">http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/remarks-president-signing-ryan-white-hiv-aids-treatment-extension-act-2009</a>
Our National Parks at Risk!	Via on-line @ Sierra Club	<b>Help Us Reach Our Goal of 100,000 Champions for National Parks by October 4th!</b> As America focuses on Ken Burns' new PBS series: "The National Parks, America's Best Idea," all eyes will be on our spectacular National Parks...it couldn't have come at a better time. Across America our National Parks face an unprecedented threat: global warming. Sign our petition to your senators today, <a href="https://secure2.convio.net/sierra/site/Advocacy?pagename=homepage&amp;page=UserAction&amp;id=2915">https://secure2.convio.net/sierra/site/Advocacy?pagename=homepage&amp;page=UserAction&amp;id=2915</a> . Help us pass critical legislation to protect our National Parks from the devastating impacts of climate change caused by global warming! <b>Update:</b> NPCA has scored a landmark victory in a long-term battle to protect Joshua Tree National Park from what would be the nation's largest garbage dump--the Eagle Mountain landfill! The U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals recently handed down its decision invalidating the land exchange needed for this massive dump to proceed. NPCA has been fighting the proposed landfill--surrounded on three sides by Joshua Tree National Park's wilderness--for more than a decade and <b>we could not have achieved this victory without ardent supporters like you!</b> So to help NPCA Secure a Huge Victory for Joshua Tree! Visit <a href="http://act.npca.org/campaign/secure_landfill_victory?rk=R1X7kgMq1%2dbCE">http://act.npca.org/campaign/secure_landfill_victory?rk=R1X7kgMq1%2dbCE</a>
Take Action: Promote National Security, Say No to Dirty Fuels	Via on-line @ Sierra Club	Congress took big step against global warming when it passed the "no worse than gas" provision (Section 526) of the 2007 energy bill, which prohibits the federal government from buying dirty, high-carbon fuels like oil shale, liquid coal and tar sands. Some members of Congress want to defend dirty fuels and block funds needed to implement Section 526. Visit <a href="http://www.capwiz.com/franciscanaction/issues/alert/?alertid=14072206&amp;type=CO">http://www.capwiz.com/franciscanaction/issues/alert/?alertid=14072206&amp;type=CO</a> to advocate.
Take Action: Uphold the Roadless Rule	Via on-line @ Sierra Club	Over eight years ago, the Roadless Area Conservation Rule was established to protect 58, 5 million acres of our most cherished and ecologically important national forests from new roads and development. Although President Barack Obama has pledged to defend and uphold this landmark rule, Colorado is attempting to back away from the popular national policy and weaken protections for the state's 4.4 million. Visit <a href="http://sierraclub.typepad.com/layoftheland/2009/06/timeout-for-roadless-areas.html">http://sierraclub.typepad.com/layoftheland/2009/06/timeout-for-roadless-areas.html</a> to advocate.

Strengthen our Nation. Sign this Petition.	Via on-line @ the center for victims of torture	Urge you to call on President Obama to establish an independent, nonpartisan commission to examine and report publicly on the policymaking process that led to torture and cruel, inhuman, and degrading treatment of detainees following September 11, 2001. This panel should report on lessons learned and recommend measures to prevent future abuses. The President should appoint distinguished, fair-minded leaders - led by Republican and Democratic co-chairs. The report issued by the commission will strengthen U.S. national security and help to re-establish America's standing in the world. To advocate visit <a href="http://ga3.org/campaign/Commission_petition">http://ga3.org/campaign/Commission_petition</a>
It's Time To Regulate Hazardous Coal Ash	Via on-line @ Earth Justice	Your help is needed to assure that coal ash—a toxic, dangerous waste—is regulated by the Environmental Protection Agency. The EPA promised to regulate coal ash after more than 1 billion gallons of it burst from a Tennessee storage pond last December, poisoning water supplies, destroying homes and threatening hundreds of residents. But despite the threat, coal ash remains federally unregulated and uncontrolled. Our kitchen garbage is better regulated. The good news is that the law authorizes the EPA to provide strong protections that will greatly reduce the threat to our water supplies and our health. However, the EPA must use the strongest parts of the law in order to ensure protection for all communities threatened by coal ash disposal. Tell EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson that you support regulating coal ash as hazardous waste and prohibiting the creation of new ash ponds, visit <a href="http://action.earthjustice.org/campaign/coalash_0909">http://action.earthjustice.org/campaign/coalash_0909</a>
Urge UN Ambassador Susan Rice to endorse and support the recommendations of the "Goldstone Report."	Via on-line	<b>CODEPINK</b> and Jewish Voice for Peace are supporting the US tour of two extraordinary young Israeli women, Maya Wind and Netta Mishly, to discuss why they refused to serve in an occupying army. This was not a decision they came to lightly as they knew they would pay a price - military prison. Bury the report, you bury hope for justice: Ms. Rice, don't sandbag justice! To advocate visit <a href="http://salsa.democracyninaction.org/o/424/t/4589/campaign.jsp?campaign_KEY=27921">http://salsa.democracyninaction.org/o/424/t/4589/campaign.jsp?campaign_KEY=27921</a>
Stay off FOX	Via on-line	President Obama is fighting back against FOX. The White House communications director said FOX is a "wing of the Republican Party...let's not pretend they're a news network." To draw attention to its biased coverage, President Obama will not appear on FOX for the rest of this year. <b>Can you sign this petition asking Democrats to support President Obama's stance by staying off FOX as long as he does?</b> To advocate go to <a href="http://www.civic.moveon.org/foxbama/">http://www.civic.moveon.org/foxbama/</a>
October 20, more than 200,000 calls on Heath Care	The JPIC Office called	Health insurance reform is finally ready for consideration by the full Congress, and hundreds of insurance company lobbyists on Capitol Hill are working overtime to kill it. Calling is quick and easy, but effective -- and your voice has tremendous power at this critical moment. To view the status visit <a href="http://advocacy.barackobama.com/healthcare/campaigns/13/call_scripts/33/call_sessions/new?source=20091020_NoMap_DC_OFA">http://advocacy.barackobama.com/healthcare/campaigns/13/call_scripts/33/call_sessions/new?source=20091020_NoMap_DC_OFA</a>
CLEAN ENERGY JOBS & AMERICAN POWER ACT Let's Defend, Improve, and Pass It!	Via on-line @ Sierra Club	Tell Your Senator We Need A Strong Clean Energy Jobs Bill: The Clean Energy Jobs & American Power Act makes America more energy independent by creating 1.7 million good-paying new jobs by investing in secure, clean energy sources that are made in America and work for America. Tell your Senator to fight back against attempts by polluting industries to weaken this legislation and to pass a strong clean energy jobs bill! Personalize the message text on the right with your own words, if you wish. Complete the form with your information @ <a href="https://secure2.convio.net/sierra/site/Advocacy?pagename=_homepage&amp;page=UserAction&amp;id=3021&amp;autologin=true&amp;JServSessionIdr002=q86gknp2j5.app20a">https://secure2.convio.net/sierra/site/Advocacy?pagename=_homepage&amp;page=UserAction&amp;id=3021&amp;autologin=true&amp;JServSessionIdr002=q86gknp2j5.app20a</a> to send a letter to your Senators.
Exit Strategy for Afghanistan	Via on-line	This is a critical moment in the debate over what to do about Afghanistan. The President is poised to make a decision in the next few weeks. Pro-war advocates are pushing for a much larger military footprint, without a clear exit strategy. Congress and the administration need to hear that Americans want a clear military exit strategy for Afghanistan, not an unwise escalation. A compiled petition with your individual comment will be presented to President Obama, your senators, and your representative. Visit <a href="http://pol.moveon.org/afghan_exit/">http://pol.moveon.org/afghan_exit/</a> to advocate.
Tell the Governor Quinn: don't leave Illinois' elderly behind!	Via on-line or you can call IL State Budget hotline	The Governor has directed his state agencies to implement cuts to the home care services thousands of older Illinoisans depend on, and to the Ombudsman program. We need to send him a strong message to stop these cuts, and ensure older Illinoisans have full access to the services they need....to read more and advocate visit <a href="http://www.aarp.org/community/AARPIL/journals/AARP_URGES_ILLINOIS_GOVER/2060212">http://www.aarp.org/community/AARPIL/journals/AARP_URGES_ILLINOIS_GOVER/2060212</a> or you can call the State Budget Hotline now, toll-free at 1-888-616-3322 and urge the Governor to keep social services funded.
Help President Obama with his decision on Afghanistan	Via on-line @ Network	Tell him what you think he should so - Sustained violence in Afghanistan, and the lack of progress achieved by our military presence there, underscores the need for a renewed vision for U.S. involvement. As President Obama considers deploying more troops, action on behalf of peace is critical. Please take action now to let President Obama, Vice President Biden,

		Secretary of Defense Gates, and Secretary of State Clinton know what you think. To do so visit <a href="http://capwiz.com/networklobby/issues/alert/?alertid=14338146&amp;queueid=4240504181">http://capwiz.com/networklobby/issues/alert/?alertid=14338146&amp;queueid=4240504181</a>
Help Protect America's Wildest Grassland	Via on-line @ Wilderness Society	Last April, Earthjustice convinced the 10th Circuit Court to halt oil and gas drilling on New Mexico's magnificent Otero Mesa because the federal government issued leases without considering impacts on habitat, species and water. Now, our partner, The Wilderness Society, needs your help to get permanent protections for this wildlife oasis. We encourage you to act on The Wilderness Society's request, so urge Interior Secretary Ken Salazar to help protect this special wild place to permanently protect Otero Mesa's wildlands as part of the Bureau of Land Management's Conservation System. Visit this link to advocate <a href="http://action.wilderness.org/campaign/oteromesa">http://action.wilderness.org/campaign/oteromesa</a>
President Obama is listening -- time for him to lead at the UN Climate Change Conference	Via on-line	Recently a reporter from Reuters asked President Obama if he would attend the U.N. Climate Change Conference at Copenhagen in December. His answer: <i>"If I am confident that all of the countries involved are bargaining in good faith and we are on the brink of a meaningful agreement and my presence in Copenhagen will make a difference in tipping us over edge then certainly that's something that I will do."</i> We're glad to hear the President say this -- it means all your hard work is paying off! But we need more. We need a firm commitment from Obama to join world leaders in Copenhagen in December to rally around a strong climate treaty. Obama is clearly listening -- but now we need him to act. So let's deliver 25,000 petition signatures to President Obama by <b>December 1st</b> . Urge the President to step up on climate by pushing for bold climate action at home and around the world: visit <a href="http://action.1sky.org/t/6411/p/dia/action/public/?action_KEY=1232">http://action.1sky.org/t/6411/p/dia/action/public/?action_KEY=1232</a> . to learn more about the upcoming UN CCC conference visit <a href="http://en.cop15.dk/">http://en.cop15.dk/</a> .
Urgent Action Needed! Tell the Obama Administration and Congress to Act Now to End Childhood Hunger!	Via on-line	Last fall, President Obama made a historic pledge to end childhood hunger by 2015. To help move this goal forward, the President must include substantial new funding in his FY 2011 budget for child nutrition programs. In addition, Congress must make important changes to child nutrition programs through the legislative process to ensure that these programs are more effective in reaching needy children. You can advocate by emailing the President @ <a href="http://www.hungeractioncenter.org/register.aspx">http://www.hungeractioncenter.org/register.aspx</a> , or visit the hunger action center @ <a href="http://www.hungeractioncenter.org/takeactionnow.aspx">http://www.hungeractioncenter.org/takeactionnow.aspx</a>
Act to Protect Our Water!	Via on-line @ Sierra Club	We need your help. Dangerous pollutants are threatening the health of our waters. Nitrogen and phosphorous pollution have gotten so bad that it threatens the survival of our inland and coastal waters. These standards will set the stage for addressing this problem throughout the entire United States. In 2008, the Sierra Club along with 12 other environmental organizations asked the EPA to protect our waters from these harmful pollutants. It's been a year and we still haven't received word if they will act on our request. Please add your comments and sign our petition @ <a href="http://action.sierraclub.org/site/PageServer?pagename=20091109EPANandP&amp;autologin=true">http://action.sierraclub.org/site/PageServer?pagename=20091109EPANandP&amp;autologin=true</a> to urge the EPA to protect our waters and act on our 2008 request.
Take Action: Hold Big Polluters Accountable	Via on-line @ Sierra Club	Right now only a handful of sources, including coal power plants, are responsible for more than half of all the global warming pollution in the United States. It's time to hold these megapolluters responsible for their share of the dirty air. The EPA is holding two public hearings on this rule on Wednesday and Thursday. You can follow the hearings on Twitter; we'll be using the #bigpolluters hash tag. To act visit <a href="https://secure2.convio.net/sierra/site/Advocacy?pagename=homepage&amp;page=UserAction&amp;id=3219&amp;autologin=true&amp;JServSessionIdr003=eylmhlp04.app26a">https://secure2.convio.net/sierra/site/Advocacy?pagename=homepage&amp;page=UserAction&amp;id=3219&amp;autologin=true&amp;JServSessionIdr003=eylmhlp04.app26a</a>
Puerto Rico: Sea Turtles at Risk	Via on-line	Last year, after almost a decade of hard work by the Sierra Club and other coalition and local community groups, more than 3,000 acres in the northeast corner of Puerto Rico were designated as a nature reserve. This area is one of the most important U.S. nesting grounds for the critically endangered Leatherback, the world's largest sea turtle. Now Puerto Rico Governor Luis Fortuño has issued an executive order removing the nature reserve designation and opening the way for luxury golf course resorts and condos. Tell Governor Fortuño to reinstate the nature reserve protection @ <a href="https://secure2.convio.net/sierra/site/Advocacy?pagename=homepage&amp;page=UserAction&amp;id=2735&amp;autologin=true&amp;JServSessionIdr003=523193kvr1.app225a">https://secure2.convio.net/sierra/site/Advocacy?pagename=homepage&amp;page=UserAction&amp;id=2735&amp;autologin=true&amp;JServSessionIdr003=523193kvr1.app225a</a>
Urge Congress and Support the National Housing Trust Fund	Via on-line or call	Please call your U.S. Representative and both of your Senators and urge them to provide funding for National Housing Trust Fund (NHTF). Tell them to provide at least \$1 billion for the National Housing Trust Fund before Congress adjourns for Christmas. Urge them to support any bill moving through Congress that contains money for the NHTF. <b>Call 877-210-5351, the toll free number for the congressional switchboard.</b> Ask to be connected to the housing staffer for your representative's and senators' offices.

Help Protect Children from Toxin Pesticides	Via on-line @ Earth Justice	The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has taken the first step in addressing this problem—opening up the petition for public comment. The agency's leadership needs to hear that you think they're on the right track. Because they'll surely be getting an earful from the pesticide industry telling them to keep the status quo. In fact, industry interests like Monsanto and CropLife have already started weighing in. If we want EPA to do the right thing and put immediate pesticide buffers in place, we need to push back! To advocate visit <a href="http://action.earthjustice.org/campaign/pesticides_1209?rk=e7w5dxdqgQcnE">http://action.earthjustice.org/campaign/pesticides_1209?rk=e7w5dxdqgQcnE</a>
A holiday card for President Obama	Via on-line @ ONE	The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria is one of the great success stories in the struggle against these deadly, but treatable diseases. Since the US made a founding pledge in 2001, the Global Fund has saved 4.9 million lives in 140 countries. But the Global Fund needs continued strong support in order to keep getting AIDS drugs, anti-malaria bed nets and TB treatment to people who would otherwise go without. That's why <b>we need you to add one more person to your holiday card list this year: President Barack Obama.</b> To sign on visit <a href="http://www.one.org/us/globalgift/">http://www.one.org/us/globalgift/</a>