

## Petitions that the JPIC Office has signed in 2009

**Names of Petition: Action or Sent to: Updates on Petition:**

Winter 2009		
The National Wildlife Federation on speaking up for Wildlife - Urging members of Congress and President-elect Obama to support green stimulus proposals	Via on-line	To show your support and commitment to remind Congress and the President of their commitment to our wildlife and the effects of global warming, visit <a href="http://www.nwf.org/globalwarming/">http://www.nwf.org/globalwarming/</a> . The recently signed into law the economic recovery legislation will provide over \$80 billion for clean energy technologies, green jobs and many other important conservation advances.
The Clean Slate Agenda	Via on-line sending message to President Obama	Under the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q), the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) sets emissions standards for new motor vehicles. President Obama signed this act on January 26.
Supporting Child Tax Credit to ensure families receive critical recession aid- Coalition on Human Needs	Via on-line	Pending as of January 28 <sup>th</sup> the bill has sent along to the House.
Mitchell Mideast Envoy Appointment- Churches for Middle East Peace	Via on-line	Thanking President Obama that 17,000 US Christians ready to support peace efforts. On January 27 <sup>th</sup> President Obama signed a memorandum directing more than \$20 million for "urgent refugee and migration needs" in Gaza.
Defenders of Wildlife: Campaign to save America's Wolves	Via on-line	Message was sent to President Obama and Dale Hall head of the US Fish & Wildlife Service
Immigration: Sponsor S. 147 the Lawful Interrogation and Detention Act of 2009	Via on-line to Senator Durbin	Bill was introduced by Senator Dianne Feinstein (CA)
Protect the Health of our Children, vote to extend SCHIP	Via on-line to Senator Durbin via national catholic social justice	On February 4 <sup>th</sup> president Obama signed to re-auth SCHIP.
Wage Discrimination Legislation	Via on-line	On January 22, the US Senate passed the Fair Pay Act of 2009-S.181; the house was expected to rule on this earlier in the week. President Obama signed Fair Pay legislation on January 29.
Economic Recovery Alert: Support an Economic Recovery package for all Americans	Via on-line to the national women's law center, Catholic Charities USA	The President signed the bill on President's day February 16 <sup>th</sup> . To view this bill and other executive orders visit <a href="http://www.whitehouse.gov/">http://www.whitehouse.gov/</a>
Humans rights first- thanks to the president for closing Guantanamo	Via on-line	This was one of the president's first executive decisions since entering the white house. You can view this by visiting <a href="http://www.whitehouse.gov/">http://www.whitehouse.gov/</a>

Urge your local representatives to support the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.	Via on-line	As of January 28 <sup>th</sup> the House approves this plan voting 244-188, however no Republicans voted. So it's onto the Senate. The President signed the bill on February 16 <sup>th</sup> .
Union of Concerned Scientists action to cosponsor critical invasive species legislation to make valuable difference; they also threaten our ecosystems and cost more than 100 billion dollars a year in control, monitoring and damages.	Via on-line to Rep. Peter Roskam	Rep. Roskam co-sponsored H.R. 801 The Great Lakes Invasive Species Control Act to ensure that international shipping vessels take adequate measures to prevent Asian carp infestation. He also co-sponsored H.R. 553 the Great Lakes Asian Carp Barrier Act, this legislation works to complete construction of an electric barrier that prevents the spread of nuisance species to the Great Lakes from surrounding water systems. He is currently working with colleagues from IL and surrounding states to secure funding in the Energy and Water Appropriations bill for the completion of this important project. So to thank him and to show your support visit <a href="http://www.ucsusa.org/action/">http://www.ucsusa.org/action/</a> .
Defenders of Wildlife speaking out against the Bush Administration 11 <sup>th</sup> hour reclassifying on our endangered species.	Via on-line to Rep. Peter Roskam	To take action on this petition and others, visit <a href="http://www.defenders.org/take_action/index.php">http://www.defenders.org/take_action/index.php</a>
Corporate Accountability International: Ask your State to Think Outside the Bottle-regarding spending millions of taxpayer dollars each year to buy bottled water.	Via on-line to the office of IL Governor	This is an on-going petition, more needs to be done, so take action and visit <a href="http://www.stopcorporateabuse.org/cms/">http://www.stopcorporateabuse.org/cms/</a>
Avaar: means voice in many languages, petition for an immediate Gaza ceasefire.	Via on-line to Avaaz	Since signing this petition both Palestine and Israeli has ceased fire. We will continue to monitor this situation.
Economic Recovery Package	Via on-line to IL Senator Dick Durbin	Got a confirmation letter from the Senators office acknowledging his support for this package to make investments to restore our economic strength. Both of our local Senators supported and voted us for this bill. Also Rep. Bill Foster voted yes.
The Closing of Guantanamo Detention center	Via on-line to IL Senator Dick Durbin	Got a confirmation letter from the Senators office acknowledging his support of President's Obama's decision to close this detention center within the mentioned year time-frame. You can visit the new white house website to read all of the president's executive orders <a href="http://www.whitehouse.gov/">http://www.whitehouse.gov/</a>
Thank you note to President Obama on fighting Global poverty	Via on-line to the ONE.org	In his inaugural statement, President Obama made a strong statement reaffirming his campaign pledges to the world's poorest citizens. Continued to send thanks for the president on his strong inaugural statement about fighting global poverty, to send his another thank you note, visit <a href="http://www.one.org/inauguration/?rc=takeactionpage">http://www.one.org/inauguration/?rc=takeactionpage</a>
Sierra Club encourages us to make sure that President Obama continues his leadership on the growing the economy through clean energy	Via on-line to both President Obama and Canadian Prime Minister Harper	Signed this petition for clean energy, and ask President Obama to address the dirty tar sands by visiting <a href="http://www.sierraclub.org/">http://www.sierraclub.org/</a> and go to the <b>take action</b> tab for more information.

solutions and reducing global warming pollution on this first trip abroad.		
Save Darfur	Via on-line to President Obama	This petition urges President Obama to appoint someone for the US efforts to end the genocide in Darfur. A bold statement for the president could deter Sudan's from retaliating, so to add your voice visit <a href="http://www.addyourvoice.org/">http://www.addyourvoice.org/</a>
National Religious Campaign Against Torture	Via on-line to President Obama	We continue to feel a deep sense of gratitude for President Obama's swift action to halt the use of torture. NRCAT encourages us to thank president Obama and his key administration who assisted in drafting the executive in the closing of Guantanamo, if you would to thank President Obama and remind congress that they still need to pass additional legislation to make the provisions of the president's EO on torture a permanent law visit <a href="http://www.nrcatactionfund.org/">http://www.nrcatactionfund.org/</a>
Coalition on Human Needs	Via on-line	Signing this petition to take action to protect and strengthen human needs programs in the U.S. To learn more and take action visit <a href="http://www.chn.org/">http://www.chn.org/</a>
CIW at the United Nations, calling on Florida's Gov Crist	Via on-line Through Interfaith action	The CIW's Lucas Benitez spoke last Wednesday Feb 11 <sup>th</sup> at the UN in New York to commemorate the first-ever World Day of Social Justice. The practical policy steps that state and federal governments can take to help improve the lives of hundreds of thousands of farm-workers in conjunction with market-based human rights efforts. Unfortunately, while the UN welcomed hearing about these steps, Florida Gov. Charlie Crist has continued to ignore requests to discuss the abuses facing Florida farm-workers. As such, please join in collecting signatures on a faith community letter to Gov. Crist calling on him to take steps to end slavery and the abuses that allow it to flourish in the wake of the 7th agricultural slavery conviction in Florida since 1997. You can print the letter from the Interfaith Action website at <a href="http://www.interfaithact.org/GovCristLetter">http://www.interfaithact.org/GovCristLetter</a>
Send a letter to Secretary Clinton as she is set to visit Indonesia	Via on-line at East Timor & Indonesia Action Network	You can read the full letter and also sign by going to <a href="http://etan.org/news/2009/02clinton.htm">http://etan.org/news/2009/02clinton.htm</a>
Save Darfur-On the recent arrest warrant for President Bashir	Via on-line	The International Criminal Court has reportedly decided to issue an arrest warrant for Sudanese President Omar al-Bashir; he may react by lashing out against civilians, aid workers and peacekeeping forces. We need a clear, bold message from President Obama that the U.S. will not stand for retribution from Khartoum. Visit <a href="http://action.savedarfur.org/campaign/iccownerhp">http://action.savedarfur.org/campaign/iccownerhp</a> to sign petition.
Federal Funding for Scientific Research and development	Via on-line to IL Senator Dick Durbin	Senator Durbin shares the views of this state recognizing the importance of investing in scientific research and development. As part of the Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2008, Congress increased funding for critical science programs by 400 million, including \$62.5 million for the National Science Foundation, this Act become a law on June 30, '08. The went on to say that he would fight for adequate funding scientific research & development as Congress works to establish final approp: levels for FY'09. You can visit Senator Durbin website at <a href="http://durbin.senate.gov/">http://durbin.senate.gov/</a>
The ONE Campaign Team-Zimbabwe Needs our help	Via on-line to the One campaign	Zimbabwe's new unity government is inheriting a lot of old problems. A devastating cholera outbreak has killed more than 3,000 people, hunger is widespread, and political issues remain unresolved despite months of negotiations. That's why the African Union must do everything it can in its official role as guarantor of the new unity government. Add your name to the petition and ask the African Union to keep its promise to Zimbabwe's new government, visit <a href="http://www.one.org/zimbabweandtheau/">http://www.one.org/zimbabweandtheau/</a>
IL Housing Round table Members supports the efforts of BPI and several partners for drafting legislation designed to help address the foreclosure problem	Via on-line to IL housing roundtable	These organizations are supporting two bills HB 1195 and SB 1409, they will give legislators a list all interested parties. This legislation seeks to do two things-stabilize neighbors by giving municipalities more tools and more money to address foreclosure-second-related problems and also help families at risk of foreclosure to remain in their homes. To learn more about this roundtable discussion on housing issues in IL visit <a href="http://www.housingactionil.org/">http://www.housingactionil.org/</a>
Support for our sisters and brothers globally	Via on-line to CRS	Catholic Relief Services encourages us to support all of our brothers and sisters that seek to change and make the world more peaceful and just prosperous for all people, visit <a href="http://www.crs.org/">http://www.crs.org/</a>
Action for women in	Via on-line to	Democratic Republic of the Congo: global campaign stop raping our greatest

the DRC- stop raping our greatest resource: power to women and girls in the DRC	women without borders	resource: power to the women and girls of democratic republic of Congo, to learn more about this action visit, <a href="http://newsite.vday.org/drcongo">http://newsite.vday.org/drcongo</a>
Concern for the issue of Climate Change that is impacting God's Creation. The WF Sisters signed post cards to Congress and the President supporting Cooling the Climate.	Post cards were signed by the Sisters and mailed to Congress.	These post cards will be collected as part of the up-coming Ecumenical Advocacy Days. For information on this visit <a href="http://www.nccecojustice.org/">http://www.nccecojustice.org/</a>
Health Action AIDS Campaign	Via on-line- took survey	It time to give back to Heath Action AIDS-to view survey visit <a href="http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=ze0KmtbNqzde_2fVDt_2fpZl6g_3d_3d">http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=ze0KmtbNqzde_2fVDt_2fpZl6g_3d_3d</a>
Secretary Clinton's visit to the Middle East	Via on-line- send letter to Secretary Clinton & President Obama	This letter to both Sec: Clinton & President Obama regarding their commitment to engage in peace negotiations between Israelis & Palestinians. To view this a sample of this letter <a href="http://capwiz.com/adc/issues/alert/?alertid=12796951">http://capwiz.com/adc/issues/alert/?alertid=12796951</a>
League of Conservation Voters- Economic recovery package	Via on-line	House Speaker Nancy Pelosi publicly thanked the league for their support in passing the Economic recovery package; she was also thanking all those who made calls and emails to their representatives.
The ONE.org Team sending a Thank you note to Prime Minister Gordon Brown	Via on-line at ONE. org	This thank you note to Prime Minister Brown who recently invited a representative from the African Union at the G20, which will be held in the UK this coming spring, to join also in saying thanks, visit <a href="http://www.one.org/international/thankbrown/?rc=thankbrown">http://www.one.org/international/thankbrown/?rc=thankbrown</a>
Secretary Clinton tell Israel to End the Siege of Gaza	Via on-line to the American-Arab Discrimination Committee	Sending a letter to Sec: Clinton regarding the situation on Gaza as a concern citizen. To visit their website to view this action and others visit <a href="http://www.adc.org/">http://www.adc.org/</a>
Peace for Colombia and in the Holy Land and global hunger	Via on-line at CRS.org	Days of prayer and action for Colombia-April 19-20 for global hunger and global poverty. Visit Catholic relief services at <a href="http://www.crs.org/">http://www.crs.org/</a> for other upcoming actions on these issues.
What's more important than Water?	Via on-line at Care2 petition site	Every day, nearly 6,000 people die from water-related illnesses. And at least two-thirds of those are young children. But you can help save lives by learning about the impact of clean water, and sharing that message with your friends and family. So visit <a href="http://www.thepetitionsite.com/takeaction/666749345?z00m=19748191">http://www.thepetitionsite.com/takeaction/666749345?z00m=19748191</a> And take action.
Thank you note to President Obama regarding health care reform	Via on-line at Divided-we fail.org	Recently, Divided We Fail activists told President Obama that Americans can't afford to wait any longer for real health reform. The cost of inaction is simply too high. Now it's time to get to work on providing every American with access to affordable, quality care. President Obama has committed to take action and we have committed to help him. To send Pres: Obama a thank you note visit <a href="http://capwiz.com/aarp/issues/alert/?alertid=12809571&amp;type=PR">http://capwiz.com/aarp/issues/alert/?alertid=12809571&amp;type=PR</a>
Paying \$4 million a mile for a security fence along the Mexican border	Via on-line at Care2 petition site	Did you know that a security fence along the Mexican border costs the U.S. government nearly \$4 million per mile? And little has been done to review the effectiveness in preventing illegal crossings, or environmental impact of a border-spanning fence. You can bring about changes in immigration policy by calling on Congress to support comprehensive immigration reform or you visit and take action <a href="http://www.thepetitionsite.com/takeaction/792840682?z00m=19749013">http://www.thepetitionsite.com/takeaction/792840682?z00m=19749013</a>
House Bill 821-	Via on-line at	Under current law, condominium and town home associations can ban property

Condo/Townhouse Rental Bill	Housing Action of IL	owners from renting their units, thus restricting not-for-profit owners- who own and lease rental housing at affordable rates- from leasing their units. Many not-for-profit affordable housing developers, incorporated as 501(c) (3)'s, own and lease rental units at below market rates in order to create affordable rental housing for low-income families in Illinois. To read more about this bill and take action visit <a href="http://www.housingactionil.org/">http://www.housingactionil.org/</a>
Maximize State Funding for Affordable Housing	Via on-line at Housing Action of IL	Illinois Governor Pat Quinn will be releasing his fiscal year 2010 budget on March 18. We ask your you to sign on to the following letter urging Governor Quinn to rededicate the Illinois Affordable Housing Trust Fund to housing development by providing funding for other housing programs, such as the Homeless Prevention Program, through General Revenue Funds. Please send an email to <a href="mailto:bob@housingactionil.org">bob@housingactionil.org</a> <b>by Friday, March 6 at 4 p.m.</b> to sign on to the letter.
Sound the Alarm for Health Care Justice	Via on-line Campaign for Better Health Care website	Now is the time for people of faith to call for a more just and equitable health care system! <b>On March 13-15</b> , hundreds of congregations statewide will sound a bell, horn or other instrument 18 times to call attention to the needs of the 1.8 million uninsured people in Illinois. To learn more about this campaign visit <a href="http://www.cbhconline.org/index.html">http://www.cbhconline.org/index.html</a> .
Omnibus Appropriations Act of 2009	Via on-line @ catholic charities	On March 11, President Obama signed into law his spending bill for FY09. This bill provides \$410 in total discretionary funding for the remainder of Fy2009, \$31 billion more than FY08; it also includes funding for many housing, health, hunger, education and social service programs. For further information on this bill visit <a href="http://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org/NetCommunity/Document.Doc?id=1567">http://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org/NetCommunity/Document.Doc?id=1567</a>
Lower Citizenship Costs	Via on-line @ IL Coalition for Immigrations & Refugee Rights	A signed petition asking US Rep Jan Schakowsky and other partners, to urge DHS Secretary Janet Napolitano to lower the fees for citizenship applications. The Fees are now \$675.00. The petition asks that the fees be lowered back to \$400.00 where it was in July 2007. To sign this petition go to and others visit <a href="http://icirr.org/">http://icirr.org/</a>
One Nation One Dream	Via on-line @ IL Coalition for Immigrations & Refugee	The One Nation, One Dream campaign advocates for just and humane immigration reform that provides a path to citizenship for the undocumented, reunites families by reducing backlogs, establishes safe future migration laws and protects workers. The campaign also advocates for immigrant integration that includes the expansion of English language learning programs and making U.S. citizenship affordable. To advocate for all these issues and send President Obama a reminder to pass Immigration reform go to <a href="http://icirr.org/">http://icirr.org/</a>
Speak up for human Needs budget	Via on-line @ Coalition on Human needs	We know we face a tough battle ahead. Already vested interests, who do not want to give up any tax breaks or padded contracts, have mobilized against the budget. Yesterday, a coalition of more than 1,000 trade associations and corporations sent a letter to Congress voicing their "profound disappointment in and unequivocal opposition" to the President's budget. Unless we speak out, they will succeed. Help us demonstrate that there is ample support for the budget priorities President Obama outlined - that the public interest far outweighs special interests. To sign this petition go to <a href="http://salsa.democracynaction.org/o/125/petition.jsp?petition_KEY=1863">http://salsa.democracynaction.org/o/125/petition.jsp?petition_KEY=1863</a>
NRACT- National Religious Campaign against Torture	Via on-line @ NRACT	In 2008, you helped NRCAT advocate for a Presidential executive order to halt the use of torture. On January 22, our collective efforts were rewarded with the executive order issued by President Obama. Now the task is to make sure that torture never happens again. To accomplish this goal, our nation needs to put safeguards in place to prevent the recurrence of U.S.-sponsored torture. To sign this petition and others visit <a href="http://www.nrcat.org/">http://www.nrcat.org/</a>
Zimbabwe on the Verge	Via on-line @ ONE Campaign	Zimbabwe is gradually, precariously, beginning to stabilize. The cholera epidemic is slowing and teachers have ended a year long strike, reopening schools across the country. But the country still hangs by a thread. The improvements are fragile, and Zimbabwe needs strong support from the African Union (AU) to keep things moving forward. In a few weeks, we'll deliver our petition with signatures from more than 86,000 ONE members calling on the AU to support the new Zimbabwean government. Before we do, will you help us reach the goal of 100,000 signatures on this petition by emailing a couple of friends and asking them to join you in taking action? Go to <a href="http://one.org/zimbabweandtheau/letter.html?id=858-2026411-1Wk4Ukx&amp;t=1">http://one.org/zimbabweandtheau/letter.html?id=858-2026411-1Wk4Ukx&amp;t=1</a>
CMEP-Churches for Middle East	Via on-line @ CMEP	Join CMEP advocates from across the country in sending a strong pro-peace message to our elected officials during our biggest district meeting mobilization event

Peace	website	ever! The Congressional spring recess from April 6-17 provides a unique opportunity for you to meet with your senators and representative and stress the need for bi-partisan support for the U.S. diplomatic engagement needed to reach a just and lasting peace to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Visit <a href="http://www.cmep.org/">http://www.cmep.org/</a> to see how you can advocate for this petition and for H.R. 130.
National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty	Called and Via on-line at their NCADP website	As you know, on Friday, March 13, 2009, the New Mexico Senate voted 24-18 to repeal the death penalty in New Mexico and replace it with a sentence of life in prison without possibility of parole. House Bill 285 passed the House last month and was delivered to Gov. Bill Richardson for his signature on Sunday. Governor Richardson has until Wednesday night to sign this bill, and when he does New Mexico will become the second state in as many years to legislatively abolish the death penalty. To sign petition visit <a href="http://www.ncadp.org/">http://www.ncadp.org/</a> . On March 18 <sup>th</sup> , the Death Penalty Abolition Day in New Mexico; Governor Bill Richardson signed the bill into law.
Sierra Club-Prairie state protector, IL specific news	Petition for this and this is the result of advocating.	Just in time for Spring, Illinois residents and visitors can count on being able to experience the great outdoors again in all of Illinois' state parks. When then Governor Blagojevich threatened and ultimately closed seven state parks with budget cuts, Sierra Club mounted a major campaign to keep our parks open, and to block further cuts at the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. Pat Quinn was a major ally in that campaign, and on <a href="#">February 26th the Governor reopened the seven state parks</a> that were closed November 30th, 2008.
Human Rights First	Via on-line	This May, President Obama can show the world that the United States is serious about human rights. Urge President Obama to announce that the United States will run for a seat on the Human Rights Council. To petition go to <a href="http://action.humanrightsfirst.org/campaign/un_human_rights/87e887iroekeimj?">http://action.humanrightsfirst.org/campaign/un_human_rights/87e887iroekeimj?</a>
Let's Fix Our Broken Immigration System	Via on-line @ Care 2 petition site	Migration has been a consistent aspect of the human experience throughout history and continues to be a defining characteristic of the United States. But our current immigration system is broken. President Obama and several members of Congress have promised to fix it by supporting safe, legal and orderly migration and providing opportunities for undocumented immigrants to legalize. You can bring about changes in immigration policy by calling on Congress to support comprehensive immigration reform, visit <a href="http://www.thepetitionsite.com/takeaction/792840682">http://www.thepetitionsite.com/takeaction/792840682</a> and act now!