

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 http://www.nwf.org/globalwarming/ . 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 th 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 th 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 th 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 th . To view this bill and other executive orders visit http://www.whitehouse.gov/
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 http://www.whitehouse.gov/

Urge your local representatives to support the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.	Via on-line	As of January 28 th 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 th .
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 http://www.ucsusa.org/action/ .
Defenders of Wildlife speaking out against the Bush Administration 11 th hour reclassifying on our endangered species.	Via on-line to Rep. Peter Roskam	To take action on this petition and others, visit http://www.defenders.org/take_action/index.php
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 http://www.stopcorporateabuse.org/cms/
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 http://www.whitehouse.gov/
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 http://www.one.org/inauguration/?rc=takeactionpage
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 http://www.sierraclub.org/ and go to the take action 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 http://www.addyourvoice.org/
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 http://www.nrcatactionfund.org/
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 http://www.chn.org/
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 th 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 http://www.interfaithact.org/GovCristLetter
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 http://etan.org/news/2009/02clinton.htm
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 http://action.savedarfur.org/campaign/iccownerhp 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 http://durbin.senate.gov/
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 http://www.one.org/zimbabweandtheau/
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 http://www.housingactionil.org/
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 http://www.crs.org/
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, http://newsite.vday.org/drcongo
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 http://www.nccecojustice.org/
Health Action AIDS Campaign	Via on-line- took survey	It time to give back to Heath Action AIDS-to view survey visit http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=ze0KmtbNqzde_2fVDt_2fpZl6g_3d_3d
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 http://capwiz.com/adc/issues/alert/?alertid=12796951
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 http://www.one.org/international/thankbrown/?rc=thankbrown
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 http://www.adc.org/
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 http://www.crs.org/ 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 http://www.thepetitionsite.com/takeaction/666749345?z00m=19748191 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 http://capwiz.com/aarp/issues/alert/?alertid=12809571&type=PR
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 http://www.thepetitionsite.com/takeaction/792840682?z00m=19749013
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 http://www.housingactionil.org/
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 bob@housingactionil.org by Friday, March 6 at 4 p.m. 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! On March 13-15 , 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 http://www.cbhconline.org/index.html .
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 http://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org/NetCommunity/Document.Doc?id=1567
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 http://icirr.org/
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 http://icirr.org/
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 http://salsa.democracynaction.org/o/125/petition.jsp?petition_KEY=1863
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 http://www.nrcat.org/
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 http://one.org/zimbabweandtheau/letter.html?id=858-2026411-1Wk4Ukx&t=1
CMEP-Churches for Middle East Peace	Via on-line @ CMEP website	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 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 http://www.cmep.org/ 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 http://www.ncadp.org/ . On March 18 th , 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 February 26th the Governor reopened the seven state parks 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 http://action.humanrightsfirst.org/campaign/un_human_rights/87e887iroekeimj?
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 http://www.thepetitionsite.com/takeaction/792840682 and act now!
Spring 2009		
G20 Summit in London-Senate Budget Committee Kent Conrad wants to cut 4 billion from the President's International Affairs Budget.	Via on-line @ The ONE Campaign and made calls	Urging and thanking President Obama for providing leadership at the G20 and also calling Senators Durbin and Burr to restore, include and appreciation for the poorest nations in their solutions to the financial crisis. On April 1 st they have made victory towards this advocacy, visit the ONE blog http://www.one.org/blog/2009/04/01/victory/?id=892-2026411-iDTENmx&t=2 and read their statement.
FY2010 Budget Resolution	Via on-line	On April 2 nd , both US House of Rep & Senate passed their FY 2010 Budget Resolution. After the spring recess the two chambers will meet of discuss the difference between the two bills. The budget was passed.
House Sends Landmark National Service Bill to President	Via on-line	March 31 st , 75 years to the day after President Roosevelt signed the Civilian Conservation Corps into law, the House of Representatives today sent President Obama a sweeping expansion of national service that will engage millions of Americans in meeting national needs and solving local problems through volunteer service. The House voted 275-149 to accept the Senate amendments to H.R. 1388, the Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act. The Senate passed the bill in a 79-19 vote and renamed the legislation after Senator Kennedy, a longtime champion of national service. House sends Landmark National Service Bill to President. This bill has been signed into law.
Mountain Top Removal, Global Warming & Volunteerism	Via on-line @ Care2 petition website	US Environmental Protection Agency Objects to 5 Mountaintop Mining Projects, US Senate and House Pass the Serve America Act and the EPA Presses Obama to Regulate Global Warming Under the Clean Air Act. Thanking all who petitioned on these issues and others. To start your own petition visit http://www.thepetitionsite.com/ .
80,000 Acres of Wetlands Lost Every Year	Via on-line @ Care2 petition website	Four hundred years ago, in the area that would later become the lower 48 United States, there were approximately 220 million acres of wetlands. Today, there is less than half that amount remaining. In fact, we lose 80,000 acres of wetlands a year. Wetlands serve many functions. They replenish and clean water, provide needed rest places for migratory birds and help reduce the risk of floods. Wetlands also provide opportunities to get away from our cities and get in touch with the natural world. We

		<p>must keep our remaining wetlands safe, and can't afford to lose more acres to human development. So help protect our Wetlands visit http://www.thepetitionsite.com/takeaction/573485811?z00m=19755955</p>
Thanking President Obama for Strong-Palestinian Peace Statements	Via on-line @ Churches for Middle East Peace	<p>In a major visit to Turkey aimed at reaching out to the Muslim world, President Obama stated unequivocal U.S. support for the two-state solution and called for Israeli and Palestinian accountability. To thank the President for his strong support for two states and for making clear that both Israel and the Palestinians have responsibilities in the pursuit of peace, visit http://action.cmep.org/t/4317/campaign.jsp?campaign_KEY=1374</p>
Catholics confront Global Poverty	Via on-line @ CRS	<p>Thanking all for supporting a strong International affairs budget, you can also to thank your Senators, to do so visit https://secure.crs.org/site/Advocacy?pagename=homepage&page=UserAction&id=532&autologin=true&AddInterest=1101&JServSessionIdr009=rct5g7py81.app46b . A Victory for Haiti, Another Victory- this time for Liberia.</p>
Health Action AIDS Campaign	Via on-line at Physicians for Human Rights	<p>After collecting thousands of petitions and postcards from across the country, PHR delivered your signatures asking President Obama and Congress to "Stop AIDS Now!" and support the development of health systems that promote, protect and fulfill human rights. Other campaign updates can be found @ http://physiciansforhumanrights.org/</p>
A Victory for Haiti	Via on-line from JubileeUSA	<p>JubileeUSA sent a victory for Haiti email to all who petitioned for dropping the Haiti's debt. The Obama Administration recently pledged \$20million to cover Haiti's remaining debt to the World Bank and Inter American Development Bank. Thanks and appreciation also goes to Rep. Maxine Waters and Rep. Spencer Bachus and more than 70 other Members of Congress, US Treasure Dept, State Dept for all their support. To view a press statement click link http://www.jubileeusa.org/press/press-item/article/jubilee-usa-welcomes-obama-administration-pledge-to-relieve-haitis-debt.html?tx_ttnews[backPid]=170&cHash=122a5b723d You can also visit http://www.jubileeusa.org/ for more information on this victory and more.</p>
Another Victory- This time for Liberia	Via on-line from JubileeUSA	<p>This just in: Liberia has reached an agreement with its commercial creditors (including some potential "vulture funds") to eliminate \$1.2 billion of its illegitimate commercial debt! Liberia was able to negotiate a deal to pay its creditors only 3 cents for every dollar "owed." And this payment will actually be covered by donors, including the World Bank and the US government, who have given Liberia a \$38 million dollar grant to pay off its commercial creditors. To view a press statement click link http://www.jubileeusa.org/press/press-item/article/victory-for-liberia-as-it-eliminates-12-billion-in-commercial-debt.html?tx_ttnews[backPid]=170&cHash=d94486f83b . You can also visit http://www.jubileeusa.org/ for more information on this victory and more.</p>
Earth Day: Disclose the source of the water used for bottling Dasani water on the label.	Via on-line	<p>The Coca-cola Company sells and distributes mineral, spring and processed water in the United States. For a complete understanding of how this process is done visit http://www.thecoca-colacompany.com/flash/csr/dasani/index.html.</p>
Physicians for Human Rights- Campaign Against Torture	Via on-line	<p>Action to support the establishment of a commission to investigate US torture. See more on the Campaign Against Torture and other work visit http://physiciansforhumanrights.org/</p>
Coalition for Human Needs	Via on-line	<p>Your continued support is need to protect and strengthen human needs program. For more information visit http://www.chn.org/ Update: You've heard a lot from us about the importance of the budget. Thanks to you and to thousands of people who understood the importance of the new direction the budget charts - and who called, wrote, and acted to make sure that elected officials knew how much the budget's goals matter to their constituents. Congress approved the FY2010 Budget Resolution for more information on both the house and the senate visit http://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org/NetCommunity/Document.Doc?id=1601</p>
Nuclear Weapons-Free World	Via on-line to President Obama, Senators Durbin &	<p>Send a letter to President Obama regarding his speech in Prague on nuclear policy signals an import shift in US nuclear weapons posture, reducing the role they play in our security strategy. For more information on this visit http://www.wagingpeace.org/</p>

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National Women's Law Center	Via on-line	Urging the members of Congress to Vote YES on a progressive budget that would make investments critical to women and their families and to our nation's long-term economic growth. To advocate on this visit https://secure2.convio.net/nwlc/site/Advocacy?cmd=display&page=UserAction&id=341
Defenders of Wildlife-on Vulnerable wildlife and Global Warming	Via on-line	Taking action to protect our wildlife-polar bears, wolves and other vulnerable wildlife. Scientists warn that global warming could threaten one-third of the world's known species with extinction. That's why Animal Planet's Jeff Corwin has joined with Defenders of Wildlife to help pass comprehensive global warming legislation that includes dedicated policies and funding to help wildlife survive in a changing climate. To keep taking action on both of these issues visit http://www.defenders.org/
Rebuild Gaza and Establish True Peace in the Region	Via on-line @ care2 petition	There is relative peace in Gaza in the aftermath of Israel's war with Hamas earlier this year. With thousands of homes destroyed, people there have a new concern: rebuilding, but they still need our help, so to help visit http://www.thepetitionsite.com/takeaction/454489071?z00m=19758169
Don't keep the Nuns waiting	Via on-line	Supporting of the Sisters of Mercy and IL Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights, who have been seeking access to the Broadview Detention Center to provide pastoral care to the detainees there. For more information on this situation visit together with President's Obama's 100 days visit http://icirr.org/en/one-nation-one-dream/nuns-and-allies-confront-ice-100th-day-obama-administration/3746
Sierra Club: Help stop Global Warming	Via on-line	We need a clean energy economy to tackle global warming and create green jobs and we need it now. To find out more about this action visit http://www.sierraclub.org/
Get Insecticide-Treated Mosquito Nets into the Hands of Families that need them	Via on-line	This is a very important issue, it takes 30 seconds just to sign the petition, but you can truly make a difference, visit http://www.thepetitionsite.com/takeaction/733936639?z00m=19757101
National Women's Law Center	Via on-line to Senators Durbin & Burriss	Urging our Senators to co-sponsor the Paycheck Fairness Act (S.182). The Act has passed in the House of as of April 28, and is now pending in the Senate; this aims to strengthen current laws against wage discrimination and require the federal government to be more proactive in preventing and battling wage discrimination. Please take a moment to visit the website to take action https://secure2.convio.net/nwlc/site/Advocacy?cmd=display&page=UserAction&id=295
Protect the Arctic Refuge	Via on-line	Urge Congress to permanently protect the Arctic Refuge: The Arctic National Wildlife Refuge is home to caribou, snow fox and millions of migratory birds. It is also the most important onshore denning habitat for America's vanishing polar bears. But this natural treasure is constantly under siege. Time and time again, the oil industry and their allies in Congress have sought to open this special place to harmful new drilling, threatening all of the wildlife that depend on it for survival. Please take a moment to visit the website to take action http://www.thepetitionsite.com/takeaction/567728305?z00m=14099068
Accountability on Torture	Via on-line @ Center tor victims of torture	Please urge Attorney General Eric Holder to fully investigate and appoint a special prosecutor to investigate the Bush Administration and those responsible for their Bush-era torture program. To advocate on this issue visit http://pol.moveon.org/notorture/index.html?rc=homepage and also http://ga3.org/campaign/CVT_Call_for_an_Investigation/x5w3e7w2yj6e5xj7?
Catholic Relief Services	Via on-line	Catholic Confront Global Poverty in support of our sisters and brothers globally. Visit http://www.usccb.org/sdwp/globalpoverty/ website for ideas to pray, learn and share about global poverty. Visit CRS Action Center http://www.crs.org/ for other current actions alerts that will make a difference in the lives of our sisters and brothers.
Union of Concerned Scientists	Via on-line	Took action by writing to Secretary Ken Salazar and Secretary Gary Locke about the scientific foundation of the Endangered Species Act; together we can continue pressing for the government policies, corporate practices and consumer choices that make a vital difference in our lives and for generations to come. To advocate visit http://www.ucsusa.org/action/alerts/
IMF-International Monetary Fund- Essential funding to	Via on-line	IMF-Managing Director Dominique Strauss-Kahn has a chance to give developing countries the funding they need to weather the recession. But we need to generate public pressure for him to give this funding the right way: without creating debt, and

help developing countries weather the economic downtown.		with no strings attached. You can also advocate visit http://www.one.org/us/imfgold/?rc=imfgoldtaf
National Wildlife Federation	Via on-line	Speaking up for the Wildlife: Urging US Interior Secretary Salazar to restore scientific integrity to the Endangered Species Act. With global warming as the single greatest threat to wildlife, we need to make sure we keep animals like polar bears from the brink of extinction. To find out more ways you can speak up for wildlife, please visit NWF's action headquarters http://www.nwf.org/
Global Food Security Act	Via on-line	More than 963 million people in the world do not have enough to eat -- 907 million people in developing countries alone are hungry. That's why CARE is excited and inspired by President Obama's call for Congress to double U.S. support for food security programs. As he said, programs like these "are not charity. They are investments in future markets and future drivers of world economic growth." Now is the time to speak up for the world's poor by supporting the president's plan -- let your senators know today that you support this kind of smart development. Visit http://www.thepetitionsite.com/takeaction/998907032
Thanking President Obama for Engaging Venezuela and Cuba	Via on-line	Recently President Obama made historic steps to improve US diplomatic relations with Cuba & Venezuela. You can support President Obama by asking members of Congress to support legislation to lift the ban on Americas traveling to Cuba, visit http://capwiz.com/justforeignpolicy/issues/alert/?alertid=13182891
This Mother's Day Help Stop Poverty	Via on-line	Young mothers from Indonesia, sell dry goods for many years. They struggled to feed their children with meager earnings. Since finding microfinance. With a \$100 loan they bought more cakes and goods to sell. Their incomes went up. Mothers can take additional loans and increased earnings even more. They can pay for food, education, and health care for their family. To sign this petition visit http://www.thepetitionsite.com/takeaction/755020810
Urgent- Contact Congress Now, Support Hate Crimes Prevention Act, HR 1913!	Via on-line	Washington, D.C. April 28, 2009 The American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC) is calling on your support now to help put an end to hate crimes in our nation! Please contact your member of Congress today and encourage them to support the Local Law Enforcement Hate Crimes Prevention Act (LLEHCPA) (HR 1913). This Act would eliminate the limitations on federal involvement to investigate and prosecute hate crimes. This Act will also provide assistance to state and local law enforcement agencies to facilitate the investigation and prosecution of bias-motivated crimes and expands the coverage of existing federal hate crimes law to include victims of bias-motivated crimes based on the victim's gender, gender identity, or actual or perceived sexual orientation or disability. Contact your member of Congress now and let them know that you would like to see them support the Local Law Enforcement Hate Crimes Prevention Act- HR 1913. To Act Now visit http://capwiz.com/adc/issues/alert/?alertid=13232571 : Just to update you on this advocacy, legislation pass in the House and it's onto the Senate as S. 909 . Visit http://capwiz.com/adc/issues/alert/?alertid=13250946 to tell your Senators to support this Act.
Help Prevent A Future Foreclosure Crisis, Support H.R. 1479	Via on-line	Please support the CRA Modernization Act, H.R. 1479, which expands CRA to cover all institutions making mortgages, expands the types of activities that are examined and penalizes companies during evaluations for predatory lending. By requiring banks to lend, invest and provide services in communities where they take deposits, the Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) has, since 1977, helped infuse more than \$4.5 trillion in loans and investments into minority and lower income neighborhoods. CRA will help us recover from the current foreclosure crisis since this law requires banks to meet the credit needs of all communities consistent with safety and soundness, to advocate visit http://www.housingactionil.org/
Tell Congress No More Unfair Trade-Pact Handouts for Bailed Out Banks	Via on-line	As millions of Americans are upset at bank bailouts and bailout fraud, some administration officials are pushing to give more unfair trade-pact handouts to bailed-out banks as "expeditiously as possible." Remind them of President Obama's commitments to renegotiate NAFTA, create a new American trade model that actually benefits us and close the tax loopholes that promote job off shoring, go to http://action.citizen.org/t/1153/campaign.jsp?campaign_KEY=27129&track=dia043009
Contact President Obama and urging him to ensure that his agencies stop	Via on-line	Mountaintop removal mining is drastically altering the natural resources and heritage of this important region of the country, permanently destroying forests, mountains, and polluting streams in communities across the region. Residents of the surrounding communities are threatened by rock slides, catastrophic floods, and poisoned water

mountaintop removal immediately.		supplies, constant blasting, destroyed property, and lost culture. So you can advocate by visiting and http://action.earthjustice.org/campaign/mtr_0409/forward
Tell President Obama we won't take no for an answer on Torture	Via on-line	Thank you for telling your friends and family about our fight to set up an independent, nonpartisan inquiry on our past use of torture. It's the conviction and tenacity of people like you that has made our recent victories against torture possible, and together we can ensure that we end this horrific practice for good. To act and read more information visit http://action.humanrightsfirst.org/campaign/LS_tort_past
Health Care Debate & Rural America	Via on-line	White House officials hosted a roundtable recently in Washington on rural America and health care reform. There is a growing awareness that rural Americans support health care reform and that reform must address the health care challenges faced by small business owners, family farmers and ranchers and rural people. To show your support as the new administration debates this very important issue you can stand up for health care reform that works for everyone. This link http://salsa.democracyninaction.org/o/2715/t/3528/petition.jsp?petition_KEY=1416 will share your signatures and your comments with the Obama administration in the coming months, so sign today.
Urge members of the Senate Appropriations Committee to help suffering people and improve the lives of millions worldwide as they consider the FY'09 appropriations bill	Via on-line	WHY IS THE FY2009 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS BILL IMPORTANT? The FY2009 Supplemental Appropriations bill primarily funds the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, but it also contains emergency funding to help people affected by war, natural disasters, hunger, and disease. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) and Catholic Relief Services (CRS) ask that the FY2009 Supplemental Appropriations bill include funding to meet the following critical humanitarian needs: do so visit www.crs.org
Coalition on Human Needs-Protecting Low-Income People While Protecting the Planet from Climate Change.	Via on-line	One of the President's major priorities is to curb global warming by limiting the greenhouse gas emissions produced by the use of fossil fuels like coal and gas. That means limiting the use of these forms of energy, and until alternative sources of power are plentiful, costs of energy will rise. Low- and moderate-income people will be hit hard by increasing energy costs. The food they buy will cost more because of rising farm and transportation expenses. Gasoline and home heating costs will go up; in fact, almost every product will be affected by escalating energy costs. Advocates believe that an essential element of climate change legislation needs to be that it generates revenue used in part to fully protect vulnerable people from these costs. To read more and advocate visit http://www.chn.org/humanneeds/090511c.html
ONE and The Global Campaign for Education	Via on-line	The Big Read , a storybook promoting literacy and education worldwide, to President Obama on June 16 -- along with our request that he fulfill his campaign promise of contributing \$2 billion to a Global Fund for Education. Add your name to the Big Read book to show your support for a good quality, free education for every child. Please join us by adding your name to the book, as well @ http://www.one.org/us/bigreadpetition/
Tell EPA to Protect Endangered Salmon from Toxic Pesticides	Via on-line	Last October, Earthjustice lawyers finally succeeded in their decade-long push to make federal scientists start issuing protections for salmon and steelhead in the Pacific Northwest and California from deadly pesticides. But, today—nearly 6 months later—the Environmental Protection Agency has yet to take even the first step towards implementing those protections. Join with us and tell EPA to stop foot dragging visit http://action.earthjustice.org/campaign/pesticides_0509?qp_source=homepage
Ask your Senators to vote for the Clean Water Restoration Act.	Via on-line	The 1972 Clean Water Act was a historic moment for water and wildlife conservationists alike. More than 35 years later, it's time for Congress to renew its commitment to protecting our wetlands, waterways and our clean water access for generations to come. To do so visit National Wildlife Federation @ http://www.nwf.org/ or at ECO-Justice Programs website http://salsa.democracyninaction.org/o/1845/t/1242/campaign.jsp?campaign_KEY=27227

Sierra Club-Illinois Chapter	Via on-line	Urge the General Assembly that any capital budget should focus on green infrastructure, to read more and advocate visit https://secure2.convio.net/sierra/site/Advocacy?pagename=homepage&page=UserAction&id=2107
Immigration Reform	Via on-line	On April 30, the Senate held the first in a series of hearings on immigration reform. During the hearing, lawmakers discussed several issues of contention for immigration overhaul including legalization of undocumented immigrants already present in the U.S., border security, an employer verification system, and terms of a guest worker program. To read more about this visit http://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org/NetCommunity/Document.Doc?id=1639
Union of Concerned Scientist Action Network	Via on-line	Urge the nuclear agency to better protect stores nuclear waste: You can write the NRC-Nuclear Regulatory Commission by Monday May 18 - and urge them to make these changes: you can visit https://secure3.convio.net/ucs/site/Advocacy?pagename=homepage&page=UserAction&id=1999&autologin=true&JServSessionIdr010=obe85fhv56.app303b
United Farm Workers	Via on-line	The AgJOBS- The Agricultural Job Opportunities, Benefits and Security Act (S. 1038); was recently reintroduced in Congress. AgJOBS represents a critical opportunity for farm workers and their employers to finally address this crisis. It's a compromise that will provide America with a stable farm labor force, help ensure that farm workers are treated fairly, and finally give the men and women who pick our food the opportunity to come out of the shadows and earn legal status and fair wages in safe conditions. To show your support visit http://www.ufwaction.org/campaign/agjobs509/bb5eew4a7xx737x
IMF Reform- no "blank check" for the IMF	Called Speaker Nancy Pelosi	During the week of May 18 , the House and Senate leaders are meeting in a conference committee to work out the differences between the House and Senate versions of the wartime supplemental appropriations bill. To read more details on this reform visit http://www.jubileeusa.org/ . Significant reform of the IMF's policies in poor countries must be part of any agreement! There should be no "blank check" for the IMF. Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi is a critical voice in the conference process and can help ensure there are strong reforms on IMF policies in poor countries. CALL Speaker Pelosi today AND ASK HER TO BE A LEADER ON IMF REFORM! Call her Washington office at (202) 225-0100), or you can call your Senators.