

Petitions that the JPIC Office are currently following spring '10

Names of Petition	Action	Updates on Petition
Send a letter to President Obama, urging him to announce his plan for Sudan NOW	Via on-line	Update: March 2010 - We urge President Obama and our elected leaders to send a message to the world that they will not recognize the results of an illegitimate electoral process, and will not permit a fugitive of the International Criminal Court to legitimize his brutal dictatorship. The JPIC Office ordered post cards to have the Sisters and others sign these cards, they have mailed to the President Obama's Office.
Stop VULTURE Funds Act (HR 2932) in the House of Representatives and support the Jubilee ACT	Via on-line @ JubileeUSA	Update: http://www.jubileeusa.org/jubilee-act ; The JPIC Office recently emailed Rep. Peter Roskam asking him to support of the Jubilee Act; also we called Rep. Gutierrez, and Rep Biggert to thank them for their leadership in co-sponsoring this bill.
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 http://www.capwiz.com/franciscanaction/issues/alert/?alertid=14072206&type=CO 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 http://ga3.org/campaign/Commission_petition
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 http://action.earthjustice.org/campaign/coalash_0909
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 @ https://secure2.convio.net/sierra/site/Advocacy?pagename=homepage&page=UserAction&id=3021&autologin=true&JServSessionIdr002=q86gknp2j5.app20a to send a letter to your Senators.
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 http://action.wilderness.org/campaign/oteromesa
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 @ http://www.hungeractioncenter.org/register.aspx , or visit the hunger action center @ http://www.hungeractioncenter.org/takeactionnow.aspx
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 @ http://action.sierraclub.org/site/PageServer?pagename=20091109EPANandP&autologin=true 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 mega-polluters 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

		https://secure2.convio.net/sierra/site/Advocacy?pagename=homepage&page=UserAction&id=3219&autologin=true&JServSessionIdr003=eylmhkp04.app26a Update: Let's continue to Let's Stop Big Polluters-Now continue to advocate @ Sierra Club.
Help Protect Children from Toxin Pesticides	Via on-line @ Earth Justice	<p>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 http://action.earthjustice.org/campaign/pesticides_1209?rk=e7w5dxdqQcnE</p>
Cash for coal or climate?	Via on-line	<p>Outrageously, the U.S. spends more than \$10 billion of taxpayer money per year on subsidies to fossil fuel companies. Meanwhile, the climate talks are on the brink of falling apart because developing countries can't afford to green their economies without financial help. This is a big deal here in Copenhagen -- so big that the global climate community has given the U.S. an "award" for undermining progress during the talks. The solution is obvious: we must stop subsidizing big polluters and use that money to help developing countries transition to a clean energy economy. Tell President Obama and Treasury Secretary Tim Geithner to shift subsidies from big polluters to help developing countries green their economies and fight climate change: To advocate visit http://action.1sky.org/p/dia/action/public/?action_KEY=1425</p>
A Million Per Soldier Per Year	Via on-line @ Brave New Foundation team	<p>Over 100,000 people signed the petition from Brave New Foundation, Credo Mobile and True Majority calling on Congress to vote against any bill to fund troop escalation in Afghanistan. On December 8th, Congressman Alan Grayson read the petition aloud from the House floor, asking his colleagues to vote NO. To advocate visit http://rethinkafghanistan.com/?utm_source=hundredk#petition</p>
Urge Congress to support S. 891/H.R. 4128 to help improve the lives of our Congolese sisters and brothers	Via on-line @ CRS	<p>Urge Congress to help stop the violence in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) by co-sponsoring H.R. 4128 in the House of Representatives or S.891 in the Senate. We need to ensure that these bills move forward quickly. To advocate visit https://secure.crs.org/site/Advocacy?pagename=homepage&page=UserAction&id=633&JServSessionIdr004=i9z7sud8e2.app44b</p>
Help Stop Attack on Climate Control	Via on-line @ Earth Justice	<p>As world leaders, led by President Obama, struggled deep into the night on a plan to fight climate change, a handful of U.S. senators at home were trying to sabotage U.S. climate action. In league with long-time climate science deniers in Congress, they announced plans to keep the EPA from regulating greenhouse gases under the Clean Air Act. This is an attack on the law, an attack on the science that underlies EPA's findings, and an attack on climate progress. Senators Murkowski and Lindsey Graham, and their cohort in the House, Rep. Joe Barton, must be stopped. Act now— http://action.earthjustice.org/campaign/cleanair_1209?rk=xpw5dxdqNOIJE urge your</p>

		members of Congress before Jan 1, 2010 to stand behind the Clean Air Act. Tell them to sideline this blatant attack and pass a strong climate bill.
Support the Clean Energy Jobs and American Power Act	Via on-line @ League of Conservation Voters	While there is still much work to be done, the deal reached in Copenhagen is a breakthrough for international climate cooperation and provides a path forward towards a binding global treaty in 2010. But moving forward, it is absolutely critical that the U.S. lead by example and work swiftly to enact comprehensive clean energy and climate legislation next year. Please email your Senators to ask them to support the Clean Energy Jobs & American Power Act, which will create millions of jobs, make American more energy independent, and cut global warming pollution. To advocate in this decision making visit http://action.lcv.org/campaign/senate_dec09?rk=e13h5PMaCRIUE Please continue to vote on these issues
Tell House progressives: Keep fighting for real health care reform	Via on-line @ Credo Action	On Christmas Eve, the Senate capitulated to the likes of Joe Lieberman and Ben Nelson and passed a deeply problematic health care bill. Now, as the House and Senate bills are being merged, it's up to the progressive members of the House to keep fighting for real health care reform. Let's tell members of the Congressional Progressive Caucus to keep fighting to: 1) hold insurance companies accountable, 2) make sure insurance are affordable and 3) protect reproductive choice? To do so visit http://act.credoaction.com/campaign/house_po/

Fight Attacks on Global Warming Progress	Via on-line @ Sierra Club	In December of 2009 President Obama's EPA declared that global-warming pollution endangers human health and welfare and announced plans to limit emissions from big polluters. Now this plan is under attack in Congress by Sen. Lisa Murkowski of Alaska and other friends of Big Coal and Oil. Tell your senators to oppose an amendment from Senator Murkowski to stop President Obama from enforcing limits on global-warming pollution. To advocate visit https://secure2.convio.net/sierra/site/Advocacy?pagename=homepage&page=UserAction&id=3427&autologin=true&JServSessionIdr004=7xre4819u2.app223a
Tell the White House the Science Calls for Ending Mountaintop Removal Mining	Via on-line @ Sierra Club	Mountaintop removal coal mining in Appalachia destroys streams and headwaters, causes severe water pollution and flooding, and has the potential for serious human health impacts, according to an article published in the January edition of Science, one of the world's preeminent peer-reviewed scientific journals. Please tell the White House Council on Environmental Quality to protect water, lands, and communities from the destruction caused by Mountaintop Removal coal mining. Nancy Sutley, Chair, White House Council on Environmental Quality and Lisa Jackson, Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. To inform these elected persons visit https://secure2.convio.net/sierra/site/Advocacy?pagename=homepage&page=UserAction&id=3479&autologin=true&JServSessionIdr004=apmetf1qe2.app223a
The future of Social Security and Medicare	Via on-line @ AARP	Next week your senators will decide whether to give a special commission the power to propose drastic cuts to the programs that millions of seniors depend on: Medicare, Medicaid, and Social Security. The proposals could be voted on immediately, without full transparency and accountability – and without our voices being heard. We can't let that happen. Tell Sen. Durbin and Sen. Burr to say "no" to fast-track proposals on Medicare and Social Security by voting against the Conrad-Gregg amendment, visit https://action.aarp.org/site/Advocacy?JServSessionIdr004=u8bujz1y04.app245b&cmd=display&page=UserAction&id=325
We want our money back- the recent Message to Wall Street from President Obama	Via on-line	Recently, President Obama announced our proposed Financial Crisis Responsibility Fee on the country's largest banks: <i>"My commitment is to recover every single dime the American people are owed. And my determination to achieve this goal is only heightened when I see reports of massive profits and obscene bonuses at some of the very firms who owe their continued existence to the American people...We want our money back, and we're going to get it."</i> The fee would recover every penny loaned to Wall Street during the financial crisis and stop the reckless abuses and excesses that nearly caused the collapse of our financial system in the first place. But the banking industry -- among the most powerful lobbies in Washington -- is already launching attacks to stop Congress from enacting the proposal. President Obama and VP Biden aren't backing down. But to win, they will need the American people to add their voice right away. So to add your name visit http://my.barackobama.com/page/content/banks?source=20100115_a_test

Torture is a moral issue	Via on-line @ National Religious Campaign Against Torture	On Tuesday, January 19th, Scott Brown was elected to represent Massachusetts in the U.S. Senate. During the campaign Mr. Brown publicly proclaimed his support for the use of waterboarding and other forms of torture. He said waterboarding is not torture and that the U.S. has not used torture. He is mistaken on both fronts. Please email Senator-elect Brown and tell him that waterboarding and other abusive techniques are forms of torture. Further, please explain to him, that you would hope, as a U.S. Senator, he would stand for U.S. values and the rule of law and would oppose the use of torture. A model email which you can modify and then send to Senator-elect Brown can be found here http://salsa.democracyinaction.org/o/2162/p/dia/action/public/?action_KEY=2080
Progress on Haiti	Via on-line @ ONE Campaign	Recently, more than 150,000 petition signatures from ONE members was delivered to the International Monetary Fund (IMF) urging its members to provide debt cancellation for Haiti. And as momentum from our campaign builds, we're increasingly hearing from the IMF, Inter-American Development Bank, U.S. Treasury and other key players that they want to find a way to cancel Haiti's debt, so click http://www.one.org/us/actnow/drophaitiandebt/ambassador.html to add your name to our "Drop Haiti's Debt" petition and help us get to 200,000 signatures now!
Lead in Your Drinking Water: Tell the White House that they need protect us from Hazardous Coal Ash.	Via on-line @ Sierra Club	What would you do if your state's environmental agency told you your drinking water was contaminated? What if no other source is provided? There are over 500 coal ash sites across the country like the one in Oakwood, IL putting communities at risk from dangerous toxins that can seep into water sources and pollute the air. In fact, residents living near these sites face a heightened, 1 in 50 risk of cancer.1 We need strong, and federal regulations to enforce necessary safeguards. When the IL EPA sent a notice in '01 informing the owners and operators that the Oakwood site was an illegal dump, they responded by claiming that the site was not a landfill, but a beneficial use site and that a building would be constructed on top. We're still waiting for that building. Send a message to the White House, https://secure2.convio.net/sierra/site/Advocacy?pagename=homepage&page=UserAction&id=3553&autologin=true&JServSessionIdr004=880adnz4z3_app226a
Big news re: Blue Cross	Via on-line	Blue Cross has just announced that it's immediately raising premiums charged to hundreds of thousands of individual customers by as much as 39%—even though their parent company's profits soared to a record \$4.7 billion last year. Even worse, the insurer has so far refused to explain why they're increasing their rates, and warned that they might do so again this year without warning. The Obama administration is demanding answers from Anthem Blue Cross, and Congress has opened an investigation. But Blue Cross is only going to respond if this story becomes a major public-relations problem for them. So it's time to turn up the heat. Let's join the growing call for an explanation and send a powerful public message that these abuses by Big Insurance are unacceptable. Add your name to the petition: http://pol.moveon.org/bluecross/o.pl?id=18941-17325940-yHu_Fqx&t=4

Um, What if Bees Can't Do It?	Via on-line @ Sierra Club	Still hungry? Then think about this: Without the honeybees that pollinate one-third of U.S. crops, those of us who enjoy eating would be in a lot of trouble. Unfortunately, "colony collapse disorder" has decimated honeybee populations, and no one knows for sure what's causing it. One possible factor, as documented in the film <i>Nicotine Bees</i> , http://pierreterre.com/video/nicotine-bees-trailer ; is nicotiny insecticides (also known as neonicotinoids). Now, huge agribusiness corporations have acquired patents to coat their proprietary seeds with these neonicotinoids, which are extremely persistent and end up in pollen and in droplets of water on leaves. The Sierra Club Genetic Engineering Action Team (one of the many teams in our new Activist Network) has asked the EPA to suspend use of nicotiny insecticides until it can obtain scientific evidence that their effects are not causing harm to America's honeybees. So far, the EPA has declined to act. You can help by sending a message to Congress. To so visit https://secure2.convio.net/sierra/site/Advocacy?pagename=homepage&page=UserAction&id=3695&autologin=true
Urge Secretary of State Hillary Clinton to support Haiti's recovery, but not at the expense of other global emergencies	Via on-line @ CRS	Contact Sec. Clinton and urge her to ensure that the U.S. government takes concrete actions to help Haiti recover by providing: Emergency funding for Haiti recovery efforts as part of the FY 2010 Supplemental Appropriations bill as well as restoration of funding for other global disasters; Sustained U.S. international assistance to Haiti and encouragement of support from other donor countries; and Extension of trade preferences and leadership in the donor community to ensure total debt relief to Haiti. To advocate visit https://secure.crs.org/site/Advocacy?pagename=homepage&page=UserAction&id=629&JServSessionIdr004=a55bqvvyso3_app245b
Tell President Obama: We Need Your Leadership on the Global Tobacco Treaty!	Via on-line @ Corporate Accountability International	President Bush signed the global tobacco treaty four years ago, but has not yet submitted it to the Senate for ratification. In 2005, eleven U.S. Senators urged President Bush to send the treaty to the Senate for consideration. One of those Senators was Barack Obama, now the President of the United States. As we celebrate the achievements in tobacco control during this five year milestone, we call on President Obama to demonstrate his leadership on public health over private profits and send the global tobacco treaty to the U.S. Senate for ratification. It is time for the U.S. to stop standing on the sidelines and instead lend its considerable influence to prevent tobacco addiction and related disease. To urge our President and to advocate visit http://salsa.democracyinaction.org/o/2215/p/dia/action/public/?action_KEY=2194
Don't Let Congress Wreck the Clean Air Act	Via on-line @ Defenders of Wildlife	Last year, the Environmental Protection Agency announced that it would use its authority under the Clean Air Act to reduce carbon pollution -- and protect polar bears, other wildlife and our natural resources from the devastating impacts of climate change. But Congressional plans, backed by polluter lobbyists, are underway to weaken the Clean Air Act -- and prevent decisive action to address Climate Change. To advocate and remind Congress of what not to do visit https://secure.defenders.org/site/Advocacy?pagename=homepage&page=UserAction&id=1693&autologin=true&JServSessionIdr004=oub32qz251_app226a

Tell your Senators the Housing Trust Fund creates Jobs	Via on-line @ Network	Please tell your senators that the Housing Trust Fund should be included in any bill whose purpose is to create jobs. Remind them that the Housing Trust Fund could provide jobs for thousands of people, while providing housing for the neediest families in this nation. To send a message directly to your Senators visit http://capwiz.com/networklobby/issues/alert/?alertid=14774596&type=CO
What's Your Best Idea for Winter Use in Yellowstone?	Via on-line @ National Parks Conservation Association.	Winter in America's first national park has been described as a wonderland where wildlife dominate the landscape and the sounds of geysers gurgling, wolves howling, and wind gusts fill the air. Yellowstone in winter can truly be solitude in its purest form. Over the next two years, the National Park Service will consider how to provide public winter access while protecting Yellowstone's wildlife, air quality, and natural soundscapes. We anticipate this will be the last environmental study leading to a permanent plan. But, before we get to a final plan, lots of ideas and comments are needed to help shape that plan. And that's where you come in. Write Yellowstone Superintendent Suzanne Lewis and let her know that you would like your comments to be used to develop a long-term winter use plan for Yellowstone. NPCA is collecting comments to be delivered to the Park Service through March 25, 2010 . To send a message to Suzanne visit http://act.npca.org/campaign/scoping_winter_use?rk=t7X7kgMqD8HhE
Will Obama's New Climate Policy Ignore the World's Poor?	Via on-line @ Change.org	The impacts of climate change - floods, droughts, and natural disasters - threaten food security, livelihoods, and the very right to survival for millions of the world's poorest people. After years of hard work, the world gathered in Copenhagen last December to draft a binding climate agreement to confront global warming and help poor countries adapt to its current and future impacts. But that didn't happen. Instead, the United States and a few other developed countries brokered a backroom deal that ignored the demands of the climate justice movement and disregarded the rights of poor communities. To remind our President by sending him a message visit http://www.change.org/actions/view/tell_obama_stop_backroom_climate_deals_that_ignore_poor_communities?alert_id=QNHPvSYiZo
Creating jobs by fixing schools: an idea Obama should hear	Via on-line	Create 1.5 Million Jobs by fixing our crumbling schools: America's kids are going to school in trailers and other substandard buildings, while construction workers sit idle thanks to the housing market crash. But we can repair or rebuild thousands of schools in communities all across America; and the jobs we can create by doing so would pay fair wages and couldn't be outsourced. Let's make our money do double duty by funding local school repairs that put Americans back to work. The solution? Click http://act.truemajorityaction.org/p/dia/action/public/?action_KEY=64 to tell the Obama team and Congress to make our money do double duty by investing in a big way in local school repairs that put Americans back to work.
Demand healthy rivers, wetlands, and coasts!	Via on-line @ Sierra Club	Healthy rivers, wetlands, and coasts provide clean drinking water and wildlife habitat. But decades of flawed planning have focused on developments that fail to protect and restore these critical areas. The White House has drafted new guidelines, but they do not go far enough in making environmental protection and restoration a priority. Send a message to President Obama today https://secure2.convio.net/sierra/site/Advocacy?cmd=display&page=UserAction&id=3901 and tell him that the new proposed guidelines fail

		to promote management which can ensure healthy habitat for wildlife and clean drinking water for our communities.
Protect Our Lands in the Face of Climate Change	Via on-line @ Sierra Club	Congress is making history as it crafts a climate bill that begins the transition to greater energy independence and a clean energy economy. However, that bill must also safeguard the lands and waters which are most affected by climate change and provide the funding to help them adapt. The bill must ensure that 5% of the revenues generated under a cap on carbon pollution go toward adaptation projects. Write to your senators https://secure2.convio.net/sierra/site/Advocacy?cmd=display&page=UserAction&id=3903 and tell them to make sure America's natural heritage is fully protected and cared for in a warming world.
The chemical industry vs. our kids	Via on-line @ Environment Illinois	We need your help to win this week's vote to get the toxic chemical Bisphenol-A (BPA) out of children's food containers! Studies have linked BPA to rising rates of learning disabilities, hormone disruption and cancer. Safer alternatives are readily available. Please take a minute to urge your state representative to protect children's health by passing the BPA-Free Kids Act (SB 3750 & HB 6088). So to advocate visit http://www.environmentillinois.org/bpasenatevote1?id4=ES
Tell Congress to Back public job creation	Via on-line	Nearly 1-in-10 Americans are out of work at the same time local governments are out of money to fix potholes, hire teachers and a keep cops on the beat. So tell Congress to bring back public job creation by backing the Local Jobs for America Act. So advocate visit http://act.truemajorityaction.org/p/7002/bluepetition?petition_KEY=158
Urge Congress to evaluate and refocus U.S. policy and assistance to Colombia	Via on-line @ CRS	As constituents and supporters of Catholic Relief Services/United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Catholics Confront Global Poverty initiative, we urge you to evaluate and refocus U.S. policy and aid to Colombia. To advocate visit https://secure.crs.org/site/Advocacy?pagename=homepage&page=UserAction&id=646&JServSessionIdr004=c01345cm01_app246b
Ask your senator to sign the bipartisan budget letter	Via on-line @ ONE Campaign	Senators on both sides of the aisle have come forward to acknowledge that our development investments are delivering real results. These senators have signed a letter asking Budget Committee leaders to uphold funding for our International Affairs Budget, and now it's time for Senator Roland Burris to join them. To sign this petition visit http://one.org/us/actnow/2011budgetletter/
Help Obama end our long nuclear nightmare	Via on-line @	Recently President Obama hosted the leaders of 48 countries at a summit in Washington to address the global nuclear threat. Hopes for the summit are high, but it's only been a year since President Obama announced his vision of a world free of nuclear weapons. Russia and the United States are ready to sign an agreement to reduce their nuclear arsenals. Now we need other world leaders to do the same. Sign here to show your support, and we'll make sure it gets delivered during the summit. To show your support visit http://act.truemajorityaction.org/p/7002/bluepetition?petition_KEY=156

Protect Wildlife Habitats from Climate Change!	Via on-line @ Sierra Club	Animals like grizzly bears, salmon, and panthers will face a race for life as their food sources and habitat change. We need to help them survive. You can make a big difference by sending a simple message to the Obama administration that we need to keep our amazing wildlife in mind when we design plans for our public lands. Personalize your message with your own words, if you wish, visit https://secure2.convio.net/sierra/site/Advocacy?pagename=homepage&page=UserAction&id=3927&autologin=true&JServSessionIdr004=83mmsye361.app223a
Tell Congress to Help Stop Violence Against Women	Via on-line @ Change-UN Foundation	Violence against women is a large and complicated problem, cutting across geography, class, and culture. We support establishing an international network of women's organizations and relief groups to prevent rape and violence in conflict zones, stop sex trafficking, and help survivors of physical and sexual abuse to recover. But more importantly, we ask you to make protecting and valuing women across the globe a cornerstone of U.S. policy. To advocate visit http://www.change.org/petitions/view/tell_congress_to_help_stop_violence_against_women?alert_id=cTPLGEYWZI_Clodthxaxl
The Gulf oil spill disaster	Via on-line @ Environment IL	The oil spill unfolding on the Louisiana coast is a disaster. Please tell President Obama to pull back his plans for more oil drilling on our nation's shores in places including Florida, the mouth of the Chesapeake Bay, and off the Outer Banks. Tell President Obama and his administration to reject new drilling off America's coasts. To advocate visit http://www.environmentillinois.org/action/energy/gulf-oil-spill-disaster?id4=ES
TAKE ACTION: Arm & Hammer Cleaning Products = Baking Soda + Mystery	Via on-line @ Earth Justice	Ever wonder what chemicals are in those cleaners you use to wash your silverware and clean your countertops? Well if you use Arm & Hammer cleaning products, keep wondering. Because they're not telling. To find out more and advocate visit http://action.earthjustice.org/campaign/armhammer_0410/ixn7d7x4f757bkb8? Spring cleaning is big business for cleaning product companies. This spring, let Arm & Hammer know it's time for <i>them</i> to come clean.
Help Us Restore Quiet to Grand Canyon	Via on-line @ National parks Conversation Association	NPCA and our allies recently stopped an amendment that would have allowed more helicopters buzzing over Grand Canyon National Park and would have undercut years of public engagement for putting a plan in place to restore natural quiet. However, while the amendment was stopped, the fight to protect Grand Canyon National Park from aircraft noise is not over! Urge Transportation Secretary LaHood (who oversees the FAA) and Interior Secretary Salazar (who oversees the NPS) to put a stop to bureaucratic in-fighting and release the Grand Canyon Overflights Plan today! To advocate visit http://act.npca.org/campaign/grca_overflights_plan/x67un6i9z7e5m8em?
Oppose efforts to expand offshore oil and gas exploration and drilling	Via on-line @ the Wilderness Society	The Gulf Coast oil spill is growing larger by the day, and experts believe the ecological consequences may dwarf those of Alaska's Exxon Valdez spill. This catastrophe sadly illustrates that there is no failsafe way to drill for oil or gas in ecologically sensitive areas – on land or sea. Yet frighteningly, more ecologically fragile places will be put at risk if the Obama Administration doesn't require limitations on how and where oil companies drill. To advocate visit http://action.wilderness.org/campaign/energyref/xk6bk73r17et36x5?

Call on Pepsi to prove its aqua is fine and refined	Via on-line @ Corporate Accountability International	Not three years ago, Pepsi agreed to label the source of Aquafina after hearing from activists like you. Now it's time Pepsi took the next step. If Pepsi is going to make marketing claims about how "pure," "perfect," and "purified" Aquafina is, the least it can do is verify as much – providing the public with the same type of reports every one of us can get from our local public water system. To send Pepsi a message visit http://salsa.democracyinaction.org/o/2215/p/dia/action/public/?action_KEY=3689
Do these shoes make me look undocumented? Which shoes belong to an undocumented immigrant?	Via on-line @ Reform Immigration For America	They say you don't really know someone until you walk a mile in his or her shoes. But can you tell their immigration status just by looking at their footwear? Since Arizona passed a law legalizing racial profiling, some people have tried to claim that the law doesn't discriminate. They've made all kinds of statements about ways you can tell whether someone is undocumented without profiling them. Visit this link to find out and then you decide http://www.reformimmigrationforamerica.org/shoes/?utm_source=email&utm_medium=email&utm_term=action_link_1&utm_content=Do%2Bthese%20shoes%20make%20me%20look%20undocumented&utm_campaign=E100507ANXXvA
Stop Shell Oil's Arctic offshore drilling plans	Via on-line @ The Wilderness Society	Under the Bush Administration, millions of acres of the Arctic Ocean were leased to Shell Oil. The Wilderness Society and other conservation groups were able to convince the Obama Administration to review leasing plans there. The WildAlert community's support had a big impact. Now Interior Secretary Salazar's safety review is due out by May 28th, so we have a small window of time to influence his decision. So tell Interior Secretary Ken Salazar to block Shell Oil's drilling plans before it's too late. To send him this message visit http://action.wilderness.org/campaign/arctic_oil/xk6bk73r97ebxnmj?
Ask Your Senators to Help Protect Refugees	Via on-line @ Change.org	America has faltered in its commitment to the persecuted. Thirty years ago the United States passed the Refugee Act of 1980 — a landmark bill that affirmed our commitment to providing refuge to victims of religious, political, ethnic and other forms of persecution. But a barrage of new laws, and policies, has undermined the commitments enshrined in the Refugee Act. Now a new bill, The Refugee Protection Act of 2010, would correct many of the most egregious erosions of protections for refugees — but only if it gets more cosponsors and support in the Senate. So tell your Senators @ http://www.change.org/petitions/view/tell_the_us_senate_stand_up_for_refugees?alert_id=IXGbRcOZUa_YMoJBNOpdQ to stand up for Refugees, visit
We Can't Fight Global Warming Blindfolded	Via on-line @ Sierra Club	Environmental impacts studies are a key tool that federal agencies use to evaluate the possible environmental costs of the permits they issue and the work they do. However, climate change is rarely factored into these decisions, allowing projects like coal power plants and mega-highways to move forward without owning up to their real impacts. But the White House Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) is working to change this, and they need your help. We Can't Ignore Climate Change Impacts; so to advocate visit https://secure2.convio.net/sierra/site/Advocacy?pagename=homepage&page=UserAction&id=4253&autologin=true&JServSessionIdr004=ym0jcmp4i3.app224a

<p>Current cuts to the International Affairs Budget threaten the lives of millions. So send your Senators a message to fix the budget!</p>	<p>Via on-line @ ONE Campaign</p>	<p>I'm afraid I've got some bad news to share. Senate Budget Committee leaders ignored our voices and singled-out the International Affairs Budget for \$4 billion in devastating cuts that could threaten programs critical to the health and survival of many poor people around the world. Disappointed? Me too, but there's still time to fix this budget. Tell your Senators Roland Burris and Dick Durbin to add their names to a new effort to restore funding and American leadership to the fight against global poverty and disease: Send Senators Roland Burris and Dick Durbin a message, visit http://www.one.org/us/actnow/fixthisbudget/</p>
<p>Take action to save Gaile Owens, domestic abuse survivor</p>	<p>Via on-line @ Death Penalty Focus</p>	<p>Owens is seeking to have her death sentence changed to a sentence of life in prison and only Governor Phil Bredesen has the power to grant the request. The National Clearinghouse for the Defense of Battered Women (NCDBW) and the Tennessee Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence (TCADSV) have been working together to support Owens. Owens' supporters say her death sentence should be commuted to life because: to sign this petition visit http://salsa.democracyinaction.org/o/1265/p/dia/action/public/?action_KEY=3826</p>
<p>TIME TO RALLY! NHTF IN JEOPARDY!</p>	<p>Call National Housing Trust Fund @ 877-210-5351</p>	<p>TELL CONGRESS TO PASS H.R. 4213: We are VERY close to getting the National Housing Trust Fund funded, but calls are needed to Congress TODAY! H.R. 4213, the American Jobs, Closing Tax Loopholes, and Preventing Outsourcing Act, which includes \$1.065 billion for the NHTF and related project-base vouchers, is facing opposition in the Congress. The House will consider H.R. 4213 on Thursday or Friday this week. Once passed by the House, it will go to the Senate. Senate leaders hope to have the bill completed by the end of next week at the latest. We urge you to call!</p>
<p>Big Oil Wants Even LESS Oversight Big Oil Wants Even LESS Oversight</p>	<p>Via on-line @ Sierra Club</p>	<p>Even with oil continuing to gush from the BP disaster site, some legislators are still more interested in protecting the oil industry than American taxpayers. Leading the charge to defend Big Oil is Alaska Senator Lisa Murkowski, who wants to halt EPA efforts to reduce global warming pollution from the oil and coal industries -- and we may only have a week to stop her. So if you to make your voice count visit https://secure2.convio.net/sierra/site/Advocacy?pagename=homepage&page=UserAction&id=4307&autologin=true&JServSessionIdr004=kwzeekbi52.app220a</p>
<p>Help Save America's Arctic from an Oil Spill Disaster- Shell Oil to begin drilling off Alaska coast on July 1</p>	<p>Via on-line @ World Wildlife Fund</p>	<p>The Gulf Coast oil disaster is unfolding into possibly the greatest environmental catastrophe in U.S. history, threatening untold devastation to the wildlife, fisheries and economy of the region. As a result, President Obama has declared that he will not authorize new drilling until a full inquiry into the gulf disaster is completed. However, the president's directive included a major loophole that will allow new offshore drilling to begin this summer. As oil continues to gush into the Gulf of Mexico, Shell Oil is dispatching a flotilla of ships to the Alaskan coast, proceeding with plans to begin drilling operations in the Beaufort and Chukchi seas as early as July 1. Tell President Obama and his administration that this needs to postpone, to send a message visit https://secure2.convio.net/wwf/site/Advocacy?cmd=homepage&page=UserAction&id=377</p>

Tell your Senators to Co-sponsor the Zimbabwe Transition to Democracy and Economic Recovery Act.	Via on-line @ Africa Action	This morning U.S. Senators Russ Feingold (D-WI), Johnny Isakson (R-GA), and John Kerry (D-MA) introduced new legislation on Zimbabwe - the Zimbabwe Transition to Democracy and Economic Recovery Act. Africa Action has been urging that the U.S. reform its Zimbabwe policy to reflect the new reality of Inclusive Government in Zimbabwe and support the democratic and reconstruction aspirations of the people. We therefore welcome this legislation as an initial step and urge you to join us in continuing the hard work that is going to be necessary to ensure the final legislation that passes through the U.S. Congress fully reorients U.S. policy to support democratization and reconstructions in Zimbabwe. To advocate on for this recovery act visit http://www.capwiz.com/africaaction/issues/alert/?alertid=14996751
WORLD TO OBAMA: BAN LANDMINES	Via on-line @ Avaarz.org/ world in action	Every month hundreds of people are killed or maimed by landmines , but the U.S. has not joined 156 other nations and signed the 10 year old Mine Ban Treaty. Last week, 68 U.S. Senators voiced their support for the ban , giving Obama the two-thirds majority needed in the Senate to ratify. This is our best chance to get the U.S. to sign up, but military advisers could block it by claiming security concerns. If enough of us support the Senate initiative now it will give the Obama administration the public pressure and backing it needs to ratify. Sign the petition below and forward it around: To President Obama: The world calls on you to sign the global Mine Ban Treaty without delay; visit http://cdn.avaaz.org/en/obama_ban_mines/?cl=583120868&v=6334%3E%A0
Another Battle for Gettysburg	Via on-line @ National Parks Conservation Association	Visitors to Gettysburg and its surrounding countryside soon realize that the echoes of history extend well beyond the boundaries of Gettysburg National Military Park. The battle took place in and around the town as well as on the land now protected as a national park, making the entire area an astonishing reminder of a time of valor and bloodshed, fear and honor, tragedy and hope for what our nation could become. Unfortunately, the sacred nature of this place is at risk from a proposal to build a gambling casino on land within cannon range of the park. To take action to help Protect the Hallowed Ground of Gettysburg visit http://act.npca.org/campaign/no_gett_casino/x67un6i917ewb8em?
Support the Healthy School Meals Act (HR 4870)	Via on-line @ Farm Sanctuary	Each day, students in America's public schools are denied access to the plant-based foods they need to stay healthy. Those students who choose to abstain from consuming animal products for ethical, health, environmental, religious, or other reasons may also find it difficult to do so. The Healthy School Meals Act (HR 4870) would provide financial incentives to school districts that provide healthful plant-based foods and non-dairy beverages to their students. If passed, this legislation would affect countless farm animals, reduce the environmental devastation caused by animal agriculture, and protect the health of America's youth. You can help by calling your Senators or you visit this link http://action.farmsanctuary.org/site/PageServer?pagename=Legislator_Lookup&JServSessionIdr004=2vu3rjo322.app210b
Support the Prevention of Farm Animal Cruelty Act (HR	Via on-line @ Farm Sanctuary	Farm animals are treated in egregiously cruel ways, and the only way to end this abuse is by getting actively involved in advocating on their behalf. This issue in particular is important to me, and I'm forwarding it your way with hopes that you'll take action, too. It only took me two minutes, and it really does make a big difference. So take action here visit

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Now is the time for the "extenders" bill- One Bill many Benefits	Via on-line @ Network	Congress has been working for months on bills and amendments to create jobs and extend economic recovery benefits and tax cuts. Some of these have been piecemeal and temporary. Now many critical components of economic recovery are in one piece of legislation, H.R. 4213. This legislation has been modified many times and has had several different names. It is currently called the American Jobs, Closing Tax Loopholes, and Preventing Outsourcing Act, and is also referred to as the "extenders" bill. <i>This legislation must not be delayed any longer.</i> The House plans to vote this week, and the Senate will follow. We need you to keep pushing your members of Congress to pass this bill now. Don't let them leave for their recess and leave millions of people without the economic help that they need. Please contact your members of Congress and ask them to vote for H.R. 4213 . Even if you contacted them last week, please do it again this week. You can call them via the Capitol switchboard 202-225-3121 and/or send them an e-mail via our website http://capwiz.com/networklobby/issues/alert/?alertid=15051696&type=CO
FY2011 Budget: Tell your Senators to fix this budget	Via on-line @ ONE Campaign	Less than 1.5% of the total U.S. Budget goes to International Affairs. Yet short-sighted Budget Committee leaders are singling out this 1.5% for deep cuts, threatening programs critical to the health and survival of millions around the world. Tell your senators these cuts are unacceptable. So remind @ http://one.org/us/actnow/fixthisbudget/index.html?rc=fixbudgetconfemail
AARP Action Alert: Urge Your Legislators to Pass A Responsible Budget!	Via calling your IL Legislators	Earlier this month, our legislators left Springfield without passing a state budget. We are urging them to get back to Springfield and finish the job we entrusted them to do - Pass a responsible budget that is adequate, sustainable, and fair to Illinoisans! Call 1-800-719-3020 and urge your elected officials to get back to Springfield and get the job done right! We are calling on Governor Quinn, Speaker Madigan, House Minority Leader Cross, Senate President Cullerton and Senate Minority Leader Radogno to exert true leadership and bring legislators back to Springfield to pass a responsible budget that is adequate, sustainable and fair for all Illinoisans Call you legislators today at 1-800-719-3020 and urge them to pass a responsible budget!
Save the International Affairs Budget	Via on-line	Less than 1.5 percent of the total U.S. Budget goes to International Affairs. Yet short-sighted Budget Committee leaders are singling out this 1.5 percent for deep cuts, threatening programs critical to the health and survival of millions of people. The International Affairs funding is a drop in the bucket in terms of the overall U.S. Budget, but its impact on the world is huge. Even a budget cut of just one percent would mean: * 63,000 fewer bed nets to protect families from malaria <i>and</i> * 15,000 fewer treatments for malaria <i>and</i> * 8,000 fewer treatments for tuberculosis (TB) <i>and</i> * 37,000 fewer HIV tests <i>and</i> * 1,100 fewer antiretroviral drugs for people infected with HIV-Fortunately, there's still time to save this budget. Sign this petition and send a letter to your senators telling them that these budget cuts are unacceptable. To add your name and voice visit http://www.thepetitionsite.com/takeaction/148/343/057

End Racial Bias in Sentencing	Via on-line @ Death Penalty Focus	<p>Research shows that the death penalty is not applied fairly in California. A defendant is three or four times more likely to be sentenced to die in cases where the victim is white than in cases where the victim is African American or Latino. The California Racial Justice Act (RJA) would ensure that no one is sentenced to die in California because of race or ethnicity. The RJA would create a procedure for the court to determine whether race was a significant factor in the decision to seek or impose the death penalty in a particular case. In cases where bias is demonstrated the individual would be sentenced to permanent imprisonment instead. If California is going to continue to have a death penalty, it must be applied without regard to the race or ethnicity of the victim, defendant or jurors. Tell your State Senators to support the Racial Justice Act (SB1331) today! by visiting http://www.thepetitionsite.com/takeaction/818/228/832.</p>
Support Women's Health with the Global MOMS Act	Via on-line @	<p>Having a baby should be among a woman's most joyous moments in life. Unfortunately, for many women around the world, childbirth can be dangerous and even deadly - for both mother and child. The Global MOMS Act will expand access to maternal health services and greatly reduce maternal mortality. In 2000, the U.S., along with 191 countries, pledged to meet the Millennium Development Goals, including targeting a 75 percent decrease in maternal mortality, by 2015. The Global MOMS Act will help fulfill the pledge, as well as help countless mothers worldwide get quality health care services. For some moms, this act will be the difference between life and death. No woman should have to put her life or health at risk during pregnancy or childbirth, and all newborns should have a healthy start in life. Tell your members of Congress to support the Global MOMS Act and fight for women's health around the world. Visit http://www.thepetitionsite.com/takeaction/623/832/061. to add your voice.</p>