

## Petitions that the JPIC Office are following

| Names of Petition  | Action                                  | Updates on Petition:  |
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| <b>Winter 2010</b>   |   |   |
| Send a letter to President Obama, urging him to announce his plan for Sudan NOW. | Via on-line                             | <p>More than two months ago, President Obama reminded us of his commitment and obligation to end the atrocities in Darfur. Since then, we've been anxiously waiting to see his plan for peace. By publicly releasing his plan, President Obama can rally other nations to do everything they can to support peace as well. We're waiting, the people of Darfur are waiting, and time is running out. Please join us and send a message to President Obama urging him to announce his plan for Sudan NOW. Click below to send your letter to President Obama: <a href="http://action.savedarfur.org/campaign/obamarollout">http://action.savedarfur.org/campaign/obamarollout</a>, * Earlier today-Monday August 10, the U.S. Special Envoy Scott Gration released the following statement visit <a href="http://blogfordarfur.org/category/obama_administration/">http://blogfordarfur.org/category/obama_administration/</a></p> <p><b>Update:</b> Why the urgency: two breaking news items: On October 19, Secretary Clinton, Ambassador Rice, and General Gration all spoke of the "sense of urgency" in dealing with Sudan's interlocking crises. Two breaking headlines from Sudan today confirm the urgent necessity of finding a durable solution to Darfur and preventing the collapse of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement... to read more visit <a href="http://blogfordarfur.org/archives/1807">http://blogfordarfur.org/archives/1807</a>. <b>Update November: Tell Pres. Obama to make peace in Sudan a priority on his trip to China &amp; Japan.</b> So advocate visit <a href="http://action.savedarfur.org/campaign/obamachina">http://action.savedarfur.org/campaign/obamachina</a>.</p> <p><b>Update: March 2010-</b> 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, thereafter they will be mailed to the President.</p> |
| Support H.R. 3200 Health Care Bill   | Via on-line @ Franciscan Action Network | <p>Join tens of thousands of health care advocates telling Congress that health reform can't wait. Ask your Representative to support the House health care bill (H.R. 3200) today! To advocate and learn more visit <a href="https://secure2.convio.net/nwlc/site/Advocacy?cmd=display&amp;page=UserAction&amp;id=373">https://secure2.convio.net/nwlc/site/Advocacy?cmd=display&amp;page=UserAction&amp;id=373</a></p> <p><b>We Need Humane &amp; Just Health Care Reform Now:</b> Encourage your Senators to move forward on Health Care Reform. Right now, the Senate is shaping Health Care Reform. It is imperative that your Senators hear the desire for what health care reform would look like from a Franciscan perspective. Visit <a href="http://www.capwiz.com/franciscanaction/issues/alert/?alertid=14072206&amp;type=CO">http://www.capwiz.com/franciscanaction/issues/alert/?alertid=14072206&amp;type=CO</a></p>   |
| Stop VULTURE Funds Act (HR 2932) in the House of Representatives                 | Via on-line @ JubileeUSA                | <p>Since Representative Maxine Waters (D-CA) and Spencer Bachus (R-AL) re-introduced the bill in June, <a href="#">15 representatives have signed on as cosponsors</a>. We need many more cosponsors to demonstrate the political will to move forward with this important piece of legislation! Your organization's support will help us to build the support in Congress we need to pass this important legislation. Please consider signing on your organization to the</p>  |

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| and support the Jubilee ACT                      |                              | <p>following letter calling for members of Congress to co-sponsor the "Stop VULTURE Funds" Act. <b>Update: On November 4:</b> Urge Congress to Stop THE VULTURE Funds Act (H.R. 6796) which was also introduced in 2008. Visit <a href="http://salsa.democracynaction.org/o/863/t/10067/campaign.jsp?campaign_KEY=28105">http://salsa.democracynaction.org/o/863/t/10067/campaign.jsp?campaign_KEY=28105</a> to advocate. <b>Our long-anticipated moment has arrived! On Wednesday December 18,</b> the Jubilee Act (HR 4005) was introduced by Representative Maxine Waters (D-CA), along with Financial Services Committee Chairman Barney Frank (D-MA), Ranking Member Spencer Bachus (R-AL), and seven more Republican and Democrat members of Congress. This encouraging bi-partisan effort by powerful leaders in Congress is a tremendous holiday gift for our sisters and brothers in the Global South. This past year has been tough for many people here at home and around the globe. The economic crisis pushed 100 million more people into extreme poverty this year and dozens of impoverished countries now face a new debt crisis. This holiday season, the introduction of the Jubilee Act represents a beacon of hope in the midst of these challenges. To learn more about the Jubilee Act visit <a href="http://www.jubileeusa.org/jubilee-act">http://www.jubileeusa.org/jubilee-act</a> . 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.</p> |
| Our National Parks at Risk!                      | Via on-line @ Sierra Club    | <p><b>Help Us Reach Our Goal of 100,000 Champions for National Parks by October 4th!</b> As America focuses on Ken Burns' new PBS series: "The National Parks, America's Best Idea," all eyes will be on our spectacular National Parks...it couldn't have come at a better time. Across America our National Parks face an unprecedented threat: global warming. Sign our petition to your senators today, <a href="https://secure2.convio.net/sierra/site/Advocacy?pagename=homepage&amp;page=UserAction&amp;id=2915">https://secure2.convio.net/sierra/site/Advocacy?pagename=homepage&amp;page=UserAction&amp;id=2915</a>. Help us pass critical legislation to protect our National Parks from the devastating impacts of climate change caused by global warming! <b>Update:</b> NPCA has scored a landmark victory in a long-term battle to protect Joshua Tree National Park from what would be the nation's largest garbage dump--the Eagle Mountain landfill! The U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals recently handed down its decision invalidating the land exchange needed for this massive dump to proceed. NPCA has been fighting the proposed landfill--surrounded on three sides by Joshua Tree National Park's wilderness--for more than a decade and <b>we could not have achieved this victory without ardent supporters like you!</b> So to help NPCA Secure a Huge Victory for Joshua Tree! Visit <a href="http://act.npca.org/campaign/secure_landfill_victory?rk=R1X7kgMg1%2dbCE">http://act.npca.org/campaign/secure_landfill_victory?rk=R1X7kgMg1%2dbCE</a></p>   |
| Promote National Security, Say No to Dirty Fuels | Via on-line @ Sierra Club    | <p>Congress took big step against global warming when it passed the "no worse than gas" provision (Section 526) of the 2007 energy bill, which prohibits the federal government from buying dirty, high-carbon fuels like oil shale, liquid coal and tar sands. Some members of Congress want to defend dirty fuels and block funds needed to implement Section 526. Visit <a href="http://www.capwiz.com/franciscanaction/issues/alert/?alertid=14072206&amp;type=CO">http://www.capwiz.com/franciscanaction/issues/alert/?alertid=14072206&amp;type=CO</a> to advocate.</p>   |
| Strengthen our Nation. Sign this                 | Via on-line @ the center for | <p>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,</p>  |

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| Petition.  | victims of torture               | inhuman, and degrading treatment of detainees following September 11, 2001. This panel should report on lessons learned and recommend measures to prevent future abuses. The President should appoint distinguished, fair-minded leaders - led by Republican and Democratic co-chairs. The report issued by the commission will strengthen U.S. national security and help to re-establish America's standing in the world. To advocate visit <a href="http://ga3.org/campaign/Commission_petition">http://ga3.org/campaign/Commission_petition</a>  |
| It's Time To Regulate Hazardous Coal Ash   | Via on-line@ Earth Justice       | Your help is needed to assure that coal ash—a toxic, dangerous waste—is regulated by the Environmental Protection Agency. The EPA promised to regulate coal ash after more than 1 billion gallons of it burst from a Tennessee storage pond last December, poisoning water supplies, destroying homes and threatening hundreds of residents. But despite the threat, coal ash remains federally unregulated and uncontrolled. Our kitchen garbage is better regulated. The good news is that the law authorizes the EPA to provide strong protections that will greatly reduce the threat to our water supplies and our health. However, the EPA must use the strongest parts of the law in order to ensure protection for all communities threatened by coal ash disposal. Tell EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson that you support regulating coal ash as hazardous waste and prohibiting the creation of new ash ponds, visit <a href="http://action.earthjustice.org/campaign/coalash_0909">http://action.earthjustice.org/campaign/coalash_0909</a> |
| CLEAN ENERGY JOBS & AMERICAN POWER ACT Let's Defend, Improve, and Pass It!               | Via on-line @ Sierra Club        | Tell Your Senator We Need A Strong Clean Energy Jobs Bill: The Clean Energy Jobs & American Power Act makes America more energy independent by creating 1.7 million good-paying new jobs by investing in secure, clean energy sources that are made in America and work for America. Tell your Senator to fight back against attempts by polluting industries to weaken this legislation and to pass a strong clean energy jobs bill! Personalize the message text on the right with your own words, if you wish. Complete the form with your information @ <a href="https://secure2.convio.net/sierra/site/Advocacy?pagename=homepage&amp;page=UserAction&amp;id=3021&amp;autologin=true&amp;JServSessionIdr002=q86gknp2j5.app20a">https://secure2.convio.net/sierra/site/Advocacy?pagename=homepage&amp;page=UserAction&amp;id=3021&amp;autologin=true&amp;JServSessionIdr002=q86gknp2j5.app20a</a> to send a letter to your Senators.   |
| Help Protect America's Wildest Grassland   | Via on-line @ Wilderness Society | Last April, Earthjustice convinced the 10th Circuit Court to halt oil and gas drilling on New Mexico's magnificent Otero Mesa because the federal government issued leases without considering impacts on habitat, species and water. Now, our partner, The Wilderness Society, needs your help to get permanent protections for this wildlife oasis. We encourage you to act on The Wilderness Society's request, so urge Interior Secretary Ken Salazar to help protect this special wild place to permanently protect Otero Mesa's wildlands as part of the Bureau of Land Management's Conservation System. Visit this link to advocate <a href="http://action.wilderness.org/campaign/oteromesa">http://action.wilderness.org/campaign/oteromesa</a>  |
| President Obama is listening -- time for him to lead at the UN Climate Change Conference | Via on-line                      | Recently a reporter from Reuters asked President Obama if he would attend the U.N. Climate Change Conference at Copenhagen in December. His answer: <i>"If I am confident that all of the countries involved are bargaining in good faith and we are on the brink of a meaningful agreement and my presence in Copenhagen will make a difference in tipping us over edge then certainly that's something that I will do."</i> We're glad to hear the President say this -- it means all your hard work is paying off! But we need more. We need a firm commitment from Obama to join world leaders in Copenhagen in December to rally around a strong climate  |

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|  |                             | treaty. Obama is clearly listening -- but now we need him to act. So let's deliver 25,000 petition signatures to President Obama by <b>December 1st</b> . Urge the President to step up on climate by pushing for bold climate action at home and around the world: visit <a href="http://action.1sky.org/t/6411/p/dia/action/public/?action_KEY=1232">http://action.1sky.org/t/6411/p/dia/action/public/?action_KEY=1232</a> . To learn more about the upcoming UN CCC conference visit <a href="http://en.cop15.dk/">http://en.cop15.dk/</a> .  |
| Urgent Action Needed! Tell the Obama Administration and Congress to Act Now to End Childhood Hunger! | Via on-line                 | Last fall, President Obama made a historic pledge to end childhood hunger by 2015. To help move this goal forward, the President must include substantial new funding in his FY 2011 budget for child nutrition programs. In addition, Congress must make important changes to child nutrition programs through the legislative process to ensure that these programs are more effective in reaching needy children. You can advocate by emailing the President @ <a href="http://www.hungeractioncenter.org/register.aspx">http://www.hungeractioncenter.org/register.aspx</a> , or visit the hunger action center @ <a href="http://www.hungeractioncenter.org/takeactionnow.aspx">http://www.hungeractioncenter.org/takeactionnow.aspx</a>   |
| Act to Protect Our Water!  | Via on-line @ Sierra Club   | We need your help. Dangerous pollutants are threatening the health of our waters. Nitrogen and phosphorous pollution have gotten so bad that it threatens the survival of our inland and coastal waters. These standards will set the stage for addressing this problem throughout the entire United States. In 2008, the Sierra Club along with 12 other environmental organizations asked the EPA to protect our waters from these harmful pollutants. It's been a year and we still haven't received word if they will act on our request. Please add your comments and sign our petition @ <a href="http://action.sierraclub.org/site/PageServer?pagename=20091109EPANandP&amp;autologin=true">http://action.sierraclub.org/site/PageServer?pagename=20091109EPANandP&amp;autologin=true</a><br>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 <a href="https://secure2.convio.net/sierra/site/Advocacy?pagename=homepage&amp;page=UserAction&amp;id=3219&amp;autologin=true&amp;JServSessionIdr003=eylmhkp04_app26a">https://secure2.convio.net/sierra/site/Advocacy?pagename=homepage&amp;page=UserAction&amp;id=3219&amp;autologin=true&amp;JServSessionIdr003=eylmhkp04_app26a</a><br><b>Update:</b> 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 | The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has taken the first step in addressing this problem—opening up the petition for public comment. The agency's leadership needs to hear that you think they're on the right track. Because they'll surely be getting an earful from the pesticide industry telling them to keep the status quo. In fact, industry interests like Monsanto and CropLife have already started weighing in. If we want EPA to do the right thing and put immediate pesticide buffers in place, we need to push back! To advocate visit <a href="http://action.earthjustice.org/campaign/pesticides_1209?rk=e7w5dxdqpQcnE">http://action.earthjustice.org/campaign/pesticides_1209?rk=e7w5dxdqpQcnE</a>  |
| Cash for coal or climate?  | Via on-line                 | 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  |

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|   |   | <p>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 <a href="http://action.1sky.org/p/dia/action/public/?action_KEY=1425">http://action.1sky.org/p/dia/action/public/?action_KEY=1425</a></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 <a href="http://rethinkafghanistan.com/?utm_source=hundredk#petition">http://rethinkafghanistan.com/?utm_source=hundredk#petition</a></p>  |
| <b>Good news! The Senate approved full UN funding</b> | Via on-line @ Better world Campaign         | <p>We just wanted to make sure you heard the good news -- <b>the Senate passed the FY2010 State, Foreign Operation Appropriations (SFOPS) bill last weekend (December 11)</b>, which keeps us in good financial standing at the UN. But they didn't do it alone. You helped us reach the SFOPS goal by sending <b>more than 2,800 letters</b> to your leaders. Thank you! This bill was part of a package of spending bills that the House also passed last week, and it's now on its way to President Obama's desk for his signature. To read more about UN funding visit <a href="http://www.betterworldcampaign.org/issues/funding/">http://www.betterworldcampaign.org/issues/funding/</a></p>  |
| Block the Senate's Healthcare bill until it's fixed   | Via on-line                                 | <p>The latest Senate health care bill has no public option. No expansion of Medicare. And it does too little to guarantee that uninsured Americans will actually be able to afford the coverage they'll be required to purchase. But it's not too late to fix the bill. And as Joe Lieberman has shown, just one senator willing to stand in the way can force legislation to be changed dramatically. To advocate visit <a href="http://pol.moveon.org/block/">http://pol.moveon.org/block/</a></p>  |
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| 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— <a href="http://action.earthjustice.org/campaign/cleanair_1209?rk=xpw5dxdqNQIJE">http://action.earthjustice.org/campaign/cleanair_1209?rk=xpw5dxdqNQIJE</a> urge your members of Congress before <b>Jan 1, 2010</b> to stand behind the Clean Air Act. Tell them to sideline this blatant attack and pass a strong climate bill.</p> |
| Support the Clean Energy Jobs and American Power Act  | Via on-line @ League of Conservation Voters | <p>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 &amp; American Power Act, which will create millions of jobs, make American more energy independent, and cut global</p>   |

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|   |                            | warming pollution. To advocate in this decision making visit <a href="http://action.lcv.org/campaign/senate_dec09?rk=e13h5PMaCRIUE">http://action.lcv.org/campaign/senate_dec09?rk=e13h5PMaCRIUE</a><br><b>Please continue to vote on these issues</b>   |
| Tell House progressives:<br>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 <a href="http://act.credoaction.com/campaign/house_po/">http://act.credoaction.com/campaign/house_po/</a> |

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| 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 <a href="https://secure2.convio.net/sierra/site/Advocacy?pagename=homepage&amp;page=UserAction&amp;id=3427&amp;autologin=true&amp;JServSessionIdr004=7xre4819u2.app223a">https://secure2.convio.net/sierra/site/Advocacy?pagename=homepage&amp;page=UserAction&amp;id=3427&amp;autologin=true&amp;JServSessionIdr004=7xre4819u2.app223a</a>  |
| 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 <a href="https://secure2.convio.net/sierra/site/Advocacy?pagename=homepage&amp;page=UserAction&amp;id=3479&amp;autologin=true&amp;JServSessionIdr004=apmetf1qe2.app223a">https://secure2.convio.net/sierra/site/Advocacy?pagename=homepage&amp;page=UserAction&amp;id=3479&amp;autologin=true&amp;JServSessionIdr004=apmetf1qe2.app223a</a>   |
| 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, <b>without full transparency and accountability – and without our voices being heard.</b> 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 <a href="https://action.aarp.org/site/Advocacy?JServSessionIdr004=u8bujz1y04.app245b&amp;cmd=display&amp;page=UserAction&amp;id=325">https://action.aarp.org/site/Advocacy?JServSessionIdr004=u8bujz1y04.app245b&amp;cmd=display&amp;page=UserAction&amp;id=325</a>   |
| 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... <b>We want our money back, and we're going to get it.</b>"</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 <a href="http://my.barackobama.com/page/content/banks?source=20100115_a_test">http://my.barackobama.com/page/content/banks?source=20100115_a_test</a> |
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| 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 <a href="http://salsa.democracyinaction.org/o/2162/p/dia/action/public/?action_KEY=2080">http://salsa.democracyinaction.org/o/2162/p/dia/action/public/?action_KEY=2080</a>  |
| 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 <a href="http://www.one.org/us/actnow/drophaitiandebt/ambassador.html">http://www.one.org/us/actnow/drophaitiandebt/ambassador.html</a> 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. <sup>1</sup> 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, <a href="https://secure2.convio.net/sierra/site/Advocacy?pagename=homepage&amp;page=UserAction&amp;id=3553&amp;autologin=true&amp;JServSessionIdr004=880adnz4z3_app226a">https://secure2.convio.net/sierra/site/Advocacy?pagename=homepage&amp;page=UserAction&amp;id=3553&amp;autologin=true&amp;JServSessionIdr004=880adnz4z3_app226a</a> |
| Big news re: <a href="#">Blue Cross</a>  | 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: <a href="http://pol.moveon.org/bluecross/o.pl?id=18941-17325940-yHu_Fqx&amp;t=4">http://pol.moveon.org/bluecross/o.pl?id=18941-17325940-yHu_Fqx&amp;t=4</a>  |
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| Um, What if Bees <b>Can't</b> 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> , <a href="http://pierreterre.com/video/nicotine-bees-trailer">http://pierreterre.com/video/nicotine-bees-trailer</a> ; is nicotinyl 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 nicotinyl 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 <a href="https://secure2.convio.net/sierra/site/Advocacy?pagename=homepage&amp;page=UserAction&amp;id=3695&amp;autologin=true">https://secure2.convio.net/sierra/site/Advocacy?pagename=homepage&amp;page=UserAction&amp;id=3695&amp;autologin=true</a> |
| 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 <a href="https://secure.crs.org/site/Advocacy?pagename=homepage&amp;page=UserAction&amp;id=629&amp;JServSessionIdr004=a55bqvvyso3_app245b">https://secure.crs.org/site/Advocacy?pagename=homepage&amp;page=UserAction&amp;id=629&amp;JServSessionIdr004=a55bqvvyso3_app245b</a>  |
| 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 <a href="http://salsa.democracyinaction.org/o/2215/p/dia/action/public/?action_KEY=2194">http://salsa.democracyinaction.org/o/2215/p/dia/action/public/?action_KEY=2194</a>  |
| 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 <a href="https://secure.defenders.org/site/Advocacy?pagename=homepage&amp;page=UserAction&amp;id=1693&amp;autologin=true&amp;JServSessionIdr004=oub32qz251_app226a">https://secure.defenders.org/site/Advocacy?pagename=homepage&amp;page=UserAction&amp;id=1693&amp;autologin=true&amp;JServSessionIdr004=oub32qz251_app226a</a>   |
| 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  |

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|  |  | a message directly to your Senators visit<br><a href="http://capwiz.com/networklobby/issues/alert/?alertid=14774596&amp;type=CO">http://capwiz.com/networklobby/issues/alert/?alertid=14774596&amp;type=CO</a>  |
| 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 <b>March 25, 2010</b> . To send a message to Suzanne visit <a href="http://act.npca.org/campaign/scoping_winter_use?rk=t7X7kgMgD8HhE">http://act.npca.org/campaign/scoping_winter_use?rk=t7X7kgMgD8HhE</a> |
| 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 <a href="http://www.change.org/actions/view/tell_obama_stop_backroom_climate_deals_that_ignore_poor_communities?alert_id=QNHPvSYiZo">http://www.change.org/actions/view/tell_obama_stop_backroom_climate_deals_that_ignore_poor_communities?alert_id=QNHPvSYiZo</a>   |