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**[Name of Town or Church] [Resident(s) or Congregant(s)] Ask
[Name of Congressman/Senator] to Pass a Faithful Budget**

WASHINGTON — [NAME or A delegation from] [name of town or congregation] added their names to a growing nationwide movement encouraging members of Congress and the Obama Administration to enact a “Faithful Budget” that protects the common good, values each individual and helps lift the burden on the poor.

The [name of town or congregation] delegation is joining forces with some of America’s most prominent religious officials from the Christian, Jewish, Muslim and other faith-based organizations in promoting the Faithful Budget. The Faithful Budget, which can be read in its entirety at: <http://faithfulbudget.org/files/2012/03/Priorities-for-a-Faithful-Budget.pdf>, lays out ideas for restoring economic opportunity, ensuring adequate resources for the country’s fiscal needs, fostering true security, reducing poverty and hardship, taking responsibility for future generations, caring for the environment, improving access to health care and recognizing the robust role of government in combating poverty.

On Monday, March 26, the [name of town or congregation] delegation delivered in-person the Priorities for a Faithful Budget Preamble and Principles to [name of Representatives/Senators you met with].

[Please add a quote from the delegation leader about why you believe enactment of the Faithful Budget is important]

The [name of town or congregation] delegation were in Washington taking part in the annual Ecumenical Advocacy Days national gathering. Ecumenical Advocacy Days is a movement of the ecumenical Christian community and over 50 recognized partners and allies to strengthen Christian voices and to mobilize for advocacy on a wide variety of U.S. domestic and international policy issues.

The Faithful Budget was spearheaded by some of the nation’s most recognizable Christian, Jewish, Muslim and other faith-based organizations. It is a continuation of the Faithful Budget Campaign, an effort launched by the religious community in May 2011 to lift up faithful voices on behalf of the nation’s most vulnerable in order to encourage the administration and Congress to maintain a robust commitment to domestic and international poverty assistance programs.

In July, the campaign organized high-level meetings with policymakers, a Washington fly-in of top religious leaders, and daily prayer vigils near the U.S. Capitol Building. The

Faithful Budget Campaign also orchestrated a prayerful gathering in the Capitol Rotunda that culminated with the arrest of 11 faith leaders for refusing to stop praying on behalf of the nation's most vulnerable.

In November, the Faithful Budget Campaign held a Super Prayer Vigil outside of the White House and around the country that called on members of the failed Congressional "Super Committee" to reject efforts to reduce the deficit by placing an undue burden on the poor while shielding the wealthiest from additional sacrifice.

Additional details about the Faithful Budget Campaign can be found at www.faithfulbudget.org.

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