



Imagine! God's Earth and People Restored

Congressional Advocacy Day

Wednesday, April 21, 2021

As people of faith, we call on Congress to act urgently and decisively on climate justice by addressing the intersection of climate change, economic justice, gender justice and racial equity:

- *Enact infrastructure and energy legislation that will promote climate, economic, gender and racial justice to accelerate the transition to a clean energy economy; and commit to net-zero climate pollution in electricity by 2035 and economy-wide by 2050.*
- *Provide funding for multilateral and bilateral environmental accounts for FY2022, including \$2 billion for the Green Climate Fund, focusing on funding for the most impacted countries and communities, in many cases burdened by historic colonization and ongoing inequities.*

The global pandemic and climate crisis reveal the urgent need to formulate a recovery that is both just and equitable. The threats from these crises are interconnected and affect the health, wellbeing and livelihood of people worldwide, particularly frontline communities. It is imperative that Congress pass legislation that will make the United States and the world more climate resilient.

We ask that the U.S. fulfill its responsibility to those most impacted by climate change. In the United States these are disproportionately Black, Indigenous, and communities of color and economically marginalized communities. Globally it includes the countries and communities least responsible for climate change.

The United States can support a climate resilient future for all by investing at home and globally in zero emission energy systems and sustainable food production delivering energy access, food security, and sustainable livelihoods for the most climate impacted and economically marginalized communities.

We urge Congress to enact infrastructure and energy legislation that will promote climate, economic, gender and racial justice to accelerate the transition to a clean energy economy and commit to net-zero climate pollution in electricity by 2035 and economy-wide by 2050.

- *Legislation should equitably address the impacts of the climate crisis in the United States.*
- *Legislation should modernize crumbling infrastructure and increase transportation efficiency and decarbonization, while prioritizing racial, economic, and gender justice.*
- *Legislation should offset the disproportionate economic impact of climate change on directly impacted communities and prepare for future disasters. Equitable solutions must center Black, Indigenous and People of Color localized leadership.*
- *Legislation should embrace renewable energy, and support a just transition for disproportionately impacted workers and communities.*



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We ask Congress to support \$2 billion for the Green Climate Fund, focusing on funding for the most impacted countries and communities, in many cases burdened by historic colonization and ongoing inequities.

We ask Congress to support additional multilateral and bilateral funds that repair global relationships and engage in diplomatic partnerships, while working to address our disproportionate contributions to climate change and addressing other environmental challenges.

- ***Global Environment Facility: \$158.92 million***
The Global Environment Facility serves as the financial mechanism for a number of multilateral environmental initiatives to support small scale renewable energy projects, human health, and biodiversity conservation.
- ***Adaptation Fund: \$100 million***
The Adaptation Fund directs funds towards small-scale, country-led projects such as promoting agricultural resilience, addressing food insecurity and helping coastal communities respond to threats of climate change.
- ***Renewable Energy under Bilateral Economic Assistance: \$268.5 million***
The Renewable Energy program provides much needed energy access for the most economically impoverished communities in the world.
- ***Sustainable Landscapes under Bilateral Economic Assistance: \$202.5 million***
The Sustainable Landscapes program addresses rural poverty and sustainable land management while incentivizing efforts to curb deforestation.