

Fair Climate Project

Promoting fair and equitable solutions to climate change

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Greetings Fair Climate Advocates, check out this weeks Fair Climate Project Newsletter. We'll be using this newsletter as a means to communicate news, events, and upcoming opportunities related to fair climate solutions. If you have any items you'd like to share in an upcoming issue of this newsletter, please email FairClimateProject@nwf.org

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EPA Announces Environmental Justice Video Contest: Faces of the Grassroots

We're excited to announce that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is sponsoring an environmental justice video contest to capture the faces of the environmental justice movement. The Faces of the Grassroots contest will allow amateur and professional film makers to display their skills and creativity while raising awareness for the movement and broadcasting their communities environmental concerns. Participants are invited to use motion pictures to show the struggles and triumphs that their communities have faced in advancing environmental justice. Examples of such footage includes; music videos about climate change, a video documenting a successful environmental justice project, or any other depictions of environmental justice activities, issues, or topics.

There will be an award for winners with a first place prize of \$2,500. Your video will also be featured on the EPA website and could be used for a public service announcement. Entries must be received by 11:59 pm EST on Thursday, April 8th, 2010. EPA will announce winners in honor of the 40th Anniversary of Earth Day.

For more information about the contest, visit:

<http://www.epa.gov/compliance/environmentaljustice/events/video-contest.html>

Hip Hop Caucus Clean Energy Now! Bus Tour Wraps-Up On Capitol Hill

After touring the nation and meeting with thousands of young people in urban communities along the way, the Hip Hop Caucus Clean Energy Now! Bus Tour brought its message of clean energy solutions to the steps of the Capitol for a closing rally. The tour kicked-off in New Orleans and traveled from Louisiana, through Arkansas, Missouri, Indiana, Ohio - en route to Washington, D.C.

On Wednesday, February 24, EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson joined the tour with Members of Congress and celebrities to lead the rally, encouraging people to rebuild our economy, regain our communities and restore our planet.

The clean energy choices we make today will have a profound impact on the environment of our young people and communities of color - the very people this tour is bringing together and the voices we need to hear, said EPA Administrator Jackson.

Studies show that comprehensive clean energy and climate policies could create up to 1.9 million new jobs nationwide and save households up to \$1,175 per year by 2020.

For more information about the tour, visit: <http://www.hiphopcaucus.org/bustour>

Legislative Updates

This week, President Obama met with 14 key Senate Democrats and Republicans, as well as administration officials to discuss demands for a comprehensive energy and climate change bill. Obama made a pitch of his own imploring that the Senate continue to find a way to cap greenhouse gas emissions. Although the Senators were grateful for the open discussion with the President, several members expressed frustrations with his view on capping emissions and instead discussed options for increased nuclear power, a national renewable energy standard, and stronger automobile fuel efficiency standards. Obama and several others opposed these energy-only approaches in the meeting. Afterwards, Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-SC) told the media, "I've come to conclude the energy-only approach will lead to mediocrity. Only when you marry up climate change, cleaning up the air, with energy independence, do you get the transformational aspects of energy independence I'm hoping for." White House officials expect another round of meetings with Senators and trade groups next week to further the discussion.

Also this week, twenty US Governors sent a letter to Congressional leaders this week urging them to block the Environmental Protection Agency from regulating greenhouse gas emissions. Gov. Haley Barbour (R-MS) who has past lobbying ties with Big Oil, led the charge in this effort. The letter, which was supported by 18 Republicans (including one from Guam and Puerto Rico) and 2 coal-state Democrats, comes as a signal of support for Senator Murkowski's (R-AK) looming Dirty Air Act, which is currently on hold. Senator Murkowski stated that she is now waiting to see if Senator Rockefeller (D-WV) will try and push forward with the legislation that he introduced last week. His bill, known as the Stationary Source Regulations Delay Act, would place a 2-year freeze on the EPA's authority to regulate greenhouse gasses with an exception for motor vehicle emissions. It is unlikely at this point that Senator Rockefeller's bill will move forward.

Action Alert

[*Urge Congress to Pass a Fair and Equitable Climate Legislation*](#)

Let your voice be heard! Ask your senators to make sure that climate legislation is fair and equitable for all Americans. Please click on the link above to edit and send a message to your senators. We must let Congress know that the time to move forward on clean energy and fair climate legislation is NOW.

In the News

- [Weather is not Climate](#)
- [Black Voters Want Green Candidates](#)
- [Hard Hitting Climate Ad](#)



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Thanks,

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