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Save the Environment: Be Part of the 2% Solution

Sign the Sierra Club's 2% Solution Petition and pledge your commitment to curbing global warming by promising to reduce your carbon footprint:

<https://secure2.convio.net/sierra/site/Advocacy?cmd=display&page=UserAction&id=235>

BACKGROUND

Curbing global warming can seem a daunting endeavor, but the truth is that in order to reduce carbon emissions by 80% by the year 2050 all it takes is an easy 2% cut a year for each of us for the next 40 years. Whether it's replacing incandescent light bulbs in your house with compact fluorescents, hanging your clothes out to dry instead of using the dryer, turning your thermostat down a few degrees, or eating locally grown food, we can all make easy but significant steps towards making our world a cleaner and healthier home for us and future generations.

Sierra Club's 2% Solution asks you to make energy and money-saving choices as a consumer; increase the energy efficiency of your car and home; push your local utility to provide clean, renewable energy like wind and solar power; ask your mayor and governor to adopt strong policies to reduce local carbon emissions; and educate your state and federal candidates for office and ask them to take a position on clean energy strategies and technologies. Going green with an easy 2% reduction in carbon emissions per year can create new jobs, build the economy, and put the United States on track to meet the goal of an astounding 80% reduction by 2050!

Sign the petition today!

Walk to Stop Violence against Women and Girls

Join the UNIFEM/USNC Annual Walk to Stop Violence against Women and Girls! You can participate in walks already planned or organize one in your community. Go to <https://www.unifem-usnc.org/walks> to register and/or organize. Walks are already planned in D.C., Atlanta, New York, Boston, and other areas near you, so don't miss out!

BACKGROUND

Each year UNIFEM/USNC hosts an annual walk to benefit the UN Trust Fund in Support of Actions to Eliminate Violence Against Women. The Trust Fund supports projects designed to prevent and eliminate gender-based violence and for over a decade has provided funding to approximately 291 projects in over 120 countries. Despite these successes, however, each year UNIFEM receives 20 times more requests for funding than it's able to provide. We could be doing so much more.

The Annual Walk to Stop Violence against Women and Girls is your chance to help provide funding for these crucial projects. Gather with an organized walk or organize your own! Participants contribute a minimum of \$10 to UNIFEM/USNC to support the Trust Fund and are encouraged to raise more money through pledges and sponsorships.

Walk with UNIFEM/USNC to ensure that women around the world are safe and free.

Call on Investors to Stand Up for Human Rights in Darfur

Write to institutions with oil company investments that operate in Sudan and urge them to use their influence to press the Sudanese government to allow United Nations-African Union peacekeepers to fully deploy in Darfur. Visit the Amnesty International USA website to send letters to decision makers at Wells Fargo, JP Morgan Chase, and other investment companies urging them to take action:

<http://takeaction.amnestyusa.org/siteapps/advocacy/index.aspx?c=jhKPIXPCIoE&b=2590179&template=x.ascx&action=9310>

BACKGROUND

Since 2003, some of the worst human rights abuses imaginable have been perpetrated in Darfur. Hundreds of thousands of civilians have been killed, and many more have been tortured, raped, and displaced.

In 2007, the UN Security Council authorized the United Nations-African Union peacekeeping force (UNAMID) to aid the region, but the Sudanese government has stymied efforts for full deployment. We need to put the pressure on Khartoum to take quick action by using the substantial economic influence we currently hold in the region. Please call on U.S. stockholders such as Wells Fargo, JP Morgan Chase, and others to use their investor power as a force for positive change.

Urge Impeachment of Torture Memo Author Judge Jay Bybee

Write to your representative in Congress and urge the impeachment of 9th Circuit Court of Appeals Judge Jay Bybee, who was a primary author of the legal memos justifying torture.

BACKGROUND

While Jay Bybee was an assistant attorney general under the Bush administration, he played a key role in writing the notorious “torture memos” that authorized unconscionable treatment of detainees such as waterboarding, “slamming,” sleep deprivation, and other “harsh interrogation methods.”

When Bybee was confirmed for a lifetime appointment to the federal bench his role in drafting the torture memos was not known. But now that it is, he should not remain serving on one of the most powerful federal courts in the United States. Bybee is unfit for the job and he should be impeached. Write to your representative in Congress today!

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