



# Ethical Action Report



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## **Provide Emergency Relief and Disaster Recovery to Haiti**

To respond to the devastation in Haiti, contribute to the National Service Conference of the American Ethical Union at the United Nations. The National Service Conference (NSC) is providing resources for disaster recovery and emergency relief in circumstances of unforeseen national and international catastrophe.

This initial distribution of donated funds by the National Service Conference will go to Doctors Without Borders. Donations can be sent through **checks payable to the National Service Conference** of the AEU and sent to the American Ethical Union, 2 West 64<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 406, New York, New York 10023. All contributions are fully tax deductible and a receipt will be provided for tax purposes.

## **Protect Choice: Keep an abortion ban out of the Health Care Reform Bill**

Oppose anti-choice measures in the health care reform bill.

### **BACKGROUND**

As the House and Senate continue to work on the health care reform bill, anti-choice extremists and their allies in Congress are demanding the inclusion of an amendment that prohibits women who participate in insurance exchange programs from purchasing an insurance policy that covers abortion—even women paying for an abortion with private funds.

The so-called Stupak amendment is included in the House version of the bill, and details are still being hashed out over whether the amendment will be included in the final bill being worked out in conference committee. Please contact your members of Congress now and tell them you will not stand for a final health care reform bill that includes the Stupak amendment.

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## **Protect Civil Liberties: Close Guantanamo**

Contact President Obama and ask him to close the Guantanamo Bay prison.

### **BACKGROUND**

Upon his second day in office, President Obama ordered the Guantanamo Bay prison closed by January 22, 2010. He has failed to deliver on this promise and prisoners continue to be held in the detention center indefinitely without trial.

Guantanamo has become a symbol of torture and abuse, where the rule of law is disregarded. Please contact the White House and urge the President to redouble his efforts to close the Guantanamo prison once and for all. Demand that all prisoners be given the right to a fair trial.

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## **Protect Women: Spread the word about *Adding it up***

Read and spread the word about the new Guttmacher Institute study, *Adding it up*:  
<http://www.guttmacher.org/pubs/AddingItUp2009.pdf>.

### **BACKGROUND**

A recent study by the Guttmacher Institute found that investing in family planning *and* maternal and newborn health in developing countries yielded better health outcomes and empowered women rather than focusing on maternal and newborn health alone.

Please read the study at <http://www.guttmacher.org/pubs/AddingItUp2009.pdf> and see for yourself. Then spread the word by writing letters to the editor of your local papers, urging support for aid for both family planning *and* maternal and newborn health in developing countries.

## **Keep the Promise: Ask your lawmaker to support the Tribal Law and Order Act (S. 797, H.R. 1924)**

Please write to your senators and representative in Congress and ask them to support the Tribal Law and Order Act (S. 797, H.R. 1924), which would restore criminal justice authority back to the Tribal jurisdiction.

## BACKGROUND

Tribal lands are effectively lawless zones. Tribal enforcement is ineffective because Tribal officials aren't allowed to charge non-Indian suspects with crimes. Moreover, the federal government, who does have law enforcement jurisdiction, has proven unwilling to allocate the necessary resources to protect and keep order in the community. For example, one in three American Indian women will be raped in her lifetime, yet US attorneys decline to prosecute 75% of American Indian rape cases every year.

Congress is beginning to realize their role in this crisis on Tribal lands. The Tribal Law and Order Act specifically addresses the failure of law enforcement by amending the Indian Law Enforcement Reform Act to expand Tribes' powers and improve communication between federal and Tribal officials. Urge your representative to cosponsor the Tribal Law and Order Act (S. 797, H.R. 1924)!

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