

United States House of Representatives/Senate
Washington, DC

January 28, 2008

Dear Representative/Senator:

Rising unemployment, declining consumer spending, and contraction in housing values have caused many economists to conclude that federal economic stimulus is needed to reduce the severity of an economic downturn. The warning signs are sobering; if the federal government fails to respond, millions of Americans may pay with lost jobs or serious financial hardship. We urge Congress to act swiftly to enact a stimulus package that **will work** to increase consumer spending and employment. Evidence is strong from the most recent recession that the most effective federal policies provide quick infusions of funds to low- and moderate-income households and to state and local governments.

Federal Reserve Chair Ben Bernanke told the House Budget Committee that increased food stamp benefits and tax rebates reaching low-income people are effective ways to spur the economy. "There is good evidence that cash that goes to low and moderate income people is more likely to be spent in the near term." Those with higher incomes are far more likely to save funds they receive, which will not benefit the economy. Increased government spending on unemployment insurance and food stamps will quickly result in more consumer spending, fueling business income and employment. Targeting assistance to state and local governments is also effective stimulus. In the last recession, 37 states reduced their spending by \$13 billion, according to the Congressional Budget Office. Federal aid can allow states to spend on vital services such as Medicaid, child support enforcement, job training and employment services, school maintenance and repair, or home energy aid, all of which will lead to job growth and/or increased consumer spending.

A package built from the most effective forms of stimuli would provide the following:

Extend and improve Unemployment Insurance: Unemployment Insurance has been ranked as the single most effective stimulus measure, with studies showing each dollar of UI spending generating from \$1.73 (Zandi, Economy.com, 2004) to \$2.15 (Chimerine et al., U.S. Department of Labor, 1999). Because long-term unemployment is rising and more and more of the unemployed will exhaust the basic 26 weeks of benefits, Congress should enact a 20-week supplemental unemployment compensation program for those who have exhausted their basic benefits, with an additional 13 weeks in states with high unemployment, providing adequate funding to states to administer the program. Because UI benefits now average only \$285 a week, Congress should also increase weekly benefits by \$50. But extensions and increases will only help the minority of unemployed workers who qualify for UI. Only 38 percent of the unemployed now receive any unemployment compensation; the lowest-income workers are disproportionately excluded. To reach more of the unemployed, Congress should provide funding to states to improve their systems by counting more recent earnings, and by extending eligibility to workers only available for part-time work and who leave jobs for compelling family reasons, as provided in the Unemployment Insurance Modernization Act (H.R. 2233; S. 1871).

Increase Food Stamp benefits: Food Stamp benefits average \$1 per meal for the 27 million current recipients, 87 percent of whom are living in households below the poverty line. An increase in benefits could be added to Food Stamp electronic debit cards rapidly. Like the current benefits, the temporary raises would be quickly spent and would at the same time prevent childhood ill health and developmental delays associated with inadequate nutrition. The Congressional Budget Office has rated a temporary

increase in food stamp benefits highly for cost-effectiveness, short lag time, and relative certainty about the policy impact. Former Treasury Secretary Dr. Lawrence Summers reported to the Joint Economic Committee, "On the spending side the measures most likely to be effective are temporary increases in benefits perhaps for the long term unemployed and food stamp recipients."

Provide a temporary, refundable tax rebate to people who paid payroll or income taxes in 2007: Studies of the impact of the 2001 tax rebates confirmed that low-income, young, credit-constrained households spent more of their rebate checks. The Congressional Budget Office draws this conclusion: "Therefore, policies aimed at lower-income households tend to have greater stimulative effects." If the tax rebate does not broadly reach households that have paid payroll taxes but do not owe income tax, they will miss the households who need the income the most and whose spending will provide the most stimulus. The Economic Policy Institute has estimated that \$65 billion would fund rebates of at least \$350 per individuals or \$700 per married couples who paid payroll or income taxes in 2007. There are good arguments for phasing out the rebate at the upper ends of the income scale, and targeting as much as possible to the lowest-income people, including families with children, whose situation is most precarious.

Increase aid to state and local governments: According to the National Conference of State Legislatures, in mid-December 19 states were already projecting budget shortfalls for the coming FY 2009; 13 of these states estimated budget gaps totaling \$23 billion. The number of states in trouble is bound to grow as sales and property tax revenues shrink. If states are forced to cut services, benefits, or personnel, lay-offs and reduced expenditures will make the recession worse. Aid to state and local governments will prevent such ill effects. Helping states and counties to cover Medicaid costs will protect low-income families from loss of medical care at a time when rising joblessness and higher costs make them particularly vulnerable. Reversing child support enforcement cuts now starting to take effect will not only forestall lay-offs but will prevent the loss of billions of dollars in child support collections needed to help low-income families with children make ends meet. In addition, general flexible fiscal relief, similar to the package Congress enacted in 2003 would enable states and localities to quickly address their local varied circumstances.

Fund infrastructure repair or maintenance: The Economic Policy Institute has pointed to more than \$100 billion in needed repairs to U.S. public schools – well-defined projects that can be quickly implemented. EPI estimates that \$20 billion in such infrastructure repairs would create 280,000 jobs, and would of course be an investment in improving education. We believe that infrastructure investments in a stimulus package should be limited to projects that can be up and running within a year.

Increase home energy assistance: The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) served only 15.6 percent of eligible households in FY 2007, providing assistance averaging \$305 per household for home heating or cooling. Between FY 2003 and FY 2007, LIHEAP funding increased by 10 percent, but heating costs rose 47 percent, with costs accelerating this year. We appreciate that Congress increased LIHEAP to nearly \$2.6 billion for FY 2008, but unmet need is still very great. Increased LIHEAP funding could be distributed quickly and would help families cope with huge increases in home energy costs.

Congressional leadership to craft an effective stimulus plan is urgently needed. Fortunately, the elements that provide the most economic gain will also serve to reduce hardship and to invest in education, health and job creation – all outcomes that will help in the short and long terms. We strongly urge Congress to enact a package with the elements outlined above, and to reject proposals for permanent tax breaks that provide little or no stimulus at great cost.

Sincerely,

National Organizations

ACORN
AFL-CIO
AFSCME
American Federation of Government
Employees, AFL-CIO
American Friends Service Committee
American Network of Community Options and
Resources
Americans for Democratic Action, Inc.
Association of Farmworker Opportunity
Programs
Bread for the World
Campaign for America's Future
Center for Community Change
Child Welfare League of America
Coalition on Human Needs
CODEPINK: Women for Peace
Common Cause
Community Action Partnership
Easter Seals
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Families USA
Food Research & Action Center (FRAC)
Generations United
Lutheran Services in America
Migrant Legal Action Program
National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the
Good Shepherd
National AIDS Housing Coalition
National Association for State Community
Services Programs
National Association for the Education of
Young Children
National Association of County Behavioral
Health and Development Disability Directors
National Association of Social Workers
National Benedictines For Peace
National Center for Law and Economic Justice
National Coalition for Asian Pacific American
Community Development
National Coalition for the Homeless
National Coalition of Mental Health
Professionals and Consumers
National Community Action Foundation
National Council of Jewish Women
National Education Association
National Employment Law Project
National Head Start Association
National Health Care for the Homeless Council

National Immigrant Solidarity Network
National Jobs for All Coalition
National Low Income Housing Coalition
National Network of Abortion Funds
National Poverty Engine
National Priorities Project
National Rehabilitation Association
National Research Center for Women &
Families
National WIC Association
National Women's Law Center
NETWORK: A National Catholic Social Justice
Lobby
OMB Watch
RESULTS
Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law
The Arc of the U.S.
The Children's Defense Fund
The Corps Network
The Workforce Alliance
United Cerebral Palsy
United for a Fair Economy
USAction
VOICES
Wider Opportunities for Women
Women's Committee of 100
YWCA USA

State Organizations

Alabama

Pax Christi, Birmingham
YWCA Central Alabama

Alaska

AFSCME Retirees Local 52
Anchorage Neighborhood Health Center
AWAIC

Arizona

AARP
AFSCME
Arizona Advocacy Network
Arizona Coalition to End Homelessness
Arizona Community Action Association
Arizona Head Start Association
Association of Arizona Food Banks
Benedictine Sisters
Catholic Charities
CEDA Food Pantry
Children's Action Alliance

CODEPINK AZ

Community Action Human Resources Agency
 Community Bridges, Inc.
 Cornucopia
 Ecumenical Chaplaincy for the Homeless
 Esperanza En Escalante
 First Congregational United Church of Christ,
 Phoenix
 Foundation for Senior Living
 Graham County Interfaith Care Alliance
 Green Party, Tucson
 Hope of Glory Ministries
 Humboldt Unified S.D.
 Interagency Council of Lake Havasu City, Inc.
 Interfaith Coalition for the Homeless
 Kyrene School District, Family Resource Center
 La Frontera
 Las Lomas Realty
 Lodestar Day Resource Center, Inc.
 NOVA, Inc.
 Rebuilding Together, Santa Cruz County
 SAIL - Maricopa County
 Selfhood
 Southeastern Arizona Behavioral Health
 Services
 Southside Presbyterian Church
 The Brewster Center for Domestic Violence
 Services
 Town of Buckeye Social Services
 United Way of Tucson and Southern Arizona
 Women Confronting Racism
 Youth On Their Own
 Yuma Community Food Bank

Arkansas

Helping Hand of Greater Little Rock
 Highland Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
 Holy Angels Convent

California

FOOD Share, Inc./Ventura County Food Bank
 Action LA Coalition, National Immigrant
 Solidarity Network
 Affordable Housing Services
 AFT
 AIDS Project Los Angeles
 All Of Us Or None
 California Association of Food Banks
 California Church IMPACT
 California Food Policy Advocates
 California Partnership

Carolynn's Montessori for Toddlers School
 Catholic Charities, Diocese of Stockton
 Children's Network of Solano County
 Coachella Valley MDS
 CODEPINK, Ukiah
 Community Action Partnership of San
 Bernardino County
 Community Child Care Council of Santa Clara
 County
 Contra Costa County Developmental Disabilities
 Council
 DisAbled Students Union at Pacific School of
 Religion
 Dominican Sisters of San Rafael
 East L.A. Community Corporation
 Engineering Review Intl
 Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano
 Gubb & Barshay LLP
 Hollywood Community Action Network
 HRC Child Care Resources
 Interfaith Council of Amador
 Ledden Consulting Services
 Los Angeles Coalition to End Hunger &
 Homelessness
 Marin Family Action
 Maternal and Child Health Access, Los Angeles
 Michael Blood Meteorites
 Mill Valley Seniors for Peace
 Montclair Presbyterian Church
 Mount St Joseph-St Elizabeth
 National Association for the Education of
 Young Children
 National Council of Jewish Women, California
 National Women's History Project
 Non Profit Housing Association of Northern
 California
 Orange Coast College Harry & Grace Steele
 Children's Center
 Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church
 Parent Voices, No. Alameda County
 Parent Voices, San Francisco
 Parent Voices, Sonoma County
 Parent Voices-Statewide
 Pasadena Senior Center
 Pax Christi, Altadena
 Pax Christi, Sonoma County
 Peace and Justice Commission, Los Angeles
 Catholic Archdiocese
 Petaluma Health Center
 Pilipino Workers Center of Southern California
 Plaid Jacket, Inc.

POWER

Realizing Community
 RESULTS/Domestic - Oakland
 RESULTS/Domestic - San Diego
 RPM International
 Sisters of St. Joseph
 Sisters of the Holy Names
 Sisters of the Presentation
 St. Athanasius Food Pantry
 St. Gabriel Parish Justice & Peace Committee
 St. Vincent De Paul Society, Voice of the Poor
 Supportive Parents Information Network
 The Justice Xpress
 Tulare County Green Party
 United University Church
 Venice Neighborhood Council
 WILPF - Fresno Branch
 Woodruff Church
 WorkingDemocracy!

Colorado

9to5 Colorado
 Catholic Health Initiatives
 Colorado Anti-Hunger Network
 Colorado Center on Law and Policy
 Colorado Coalition Against Domestic Violence
 Colorado Progressive Action
 Light of the World Peace and Justice Group
 Lutheran Advocacy Ministry - Colorado
 National Council of Jewish Women Colorado
 Section
 Native American Protection & Advocacy, Inc.
 RESULTS - Boulder
 United Church of Christ

Connecticut

(CSTAC) Cross Street Training & Academic
 Center Inc.
 All Our Kin
 Bridgeport Child Advocacy Coalition
 Career Resources, Inc.
 Citizens for Quality Sickle Cell Care, Inc.
 Collaborative Center for Justice
 Community Dining Room
 Community Solutions, Inc.
 Connecticut Association for Human Services
 Connecticut Citizen Action Group
 Connecticut Food Bank
 Connecticut Food Policy Council
 Connecticut Legal Services, Inc.
 Connecticut Voices for Children

Danbury Public Schools
 End Hunger Connecticut!, Inc
 Family Services of Greater Waterbury, Inc
 Foodshare
 Greater Hartford, Legal Aid, Inc
 Holy Family Home and Shelter, Inc.
 Jewish Family Services
 LEARN
 Legal Assistance Resource Center of
 Connecticut
 Madison Human Services
 Madison Youth and Family Services
 Manchester Area Conference of Churches, Inc.
 (MACC Charities)
 Marguerita's Sweets & Crafts, LLC.
 Middlesex Coalition for Children, Middletown
 National Association of Social Workers, CT
 Chapter
 National Council of Jewish Women, Greater
 Bridgeport Section
 New Haven Legal Assistance Association
 Northeastern CT Central Labor Council,
 AFL-CIO
 Operation Fuel
 Putnam Family Resource Center/Putnam Public
 Schools
 SEIU32 BJ
 Sharon Social Services
 Thompson Ecumenical Empowerment Group
 (TEEG)
 Together We Shine
 United Action of SE CT
 WFC Sexual Assault Crisis Services
 Willow House Preschool & Early Learning
 Center
 YWCA New Britain

Delaware

Delaware Alliance for Health Care
 Delaware Housing Coalition
 Grandparents United
 Women's Opportunity Link of Delaware, Inc.
 YWCA of Delaware

District of Columbia

Afro-Americans C.A.R.E.
 Environmental & Energy Study Institute
 Housing Works
 McClendon Center
 Sasha Bruce Youthwork
 Washington Legal Clinic for the Homeless, Inc.

Florida

Center for Independent Living of South Florida, Inc.
 Central Florida Community Action Agency, Inc.
 Claretian Missionary Sisters
 Coalition to End Homelessness
 CODEPINK, South Florida
 CODEPINK, Tallahassee
 CSC-The Milton Childcare Center
 Florida Association for Community Action, Inc.
 Florida Association For Weatherization Programs
 Florida Consumer Action Network
 Hanson Medical, Inc.
 IBEW
 Lake Community Action Agency Inc.
 Miami Coalition for the Homeless, Inc.
 Pasco County Health Department
 Pax Christi, Northeast Florida
 RESULTS
 Saint George Catholic Church Outreach Program
 TypeStyle
 United Church in Tallahassee
 United Methodist Women
 WILPF

Georgia

Boys & Girls Clubs of America
 Dawson Democrats
 Georgia Rural Urban Summit
 Ghana Interdenominational Church
 Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies
 Smiles, Giggles, and Hugs Child Development Center, LLC
 Southeast Georgia Community Development Corporation
 Spirit of Oneness, Inc.

Hawaii

Americans for Democratic Action - Hawaii
 Olomana Gardens
 YWCA of Kauai

Idaho

Retired and Senior Volunteer Program of North Idaho
 United Action for Idaho
 United Vision for Idaho

Illinois

Adorers of the Blood of Christ
 AIDS Foundation of Chicago
 ASC Justice and Peace Office
 Bridge Communities
 C.E.F.S. Economic Opportunity Corporation
 Casa Guanajuato Cultural Center
 Chestnut Health System
 Chicago Area Project
 Chicago Jobs Council
 Chicago Progressive Alliance
 Citizen Action/Illinois
 City of Rockford Human Services Department
 CODEPINK, Chicago Area
 Community Action of Lake County
 Families' and Children's AIDS Network
 Glenbard South Transition Program
 Harris Helping Out Inc.
 Health Management Consortium
 Heartland Alliance for Human Needs and Human Rights
 Housing Action Illinois
 IL Latino Resource Institute
 Illinois Association of Community Action Agencies
 Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation Office of the Wheaton Franciscans
 Lombard-Villa Park Food Pantry
 Northwestern IL Center for Independent Living
 Open Door Clinic
 PATH, Inc.
 Pediatric AIDS Chicago Prevention Initiative
 People for Community Recovery
 Project IRENE
 Protestants for the Common Good
 Sacred Heart Franciscan Province JPIC
 St. James Peace & Justice Committee
 Teamsters
 The Gateway Coalition
 Wesley United Methodist Church
 YWCA Decatur Macon County
 YWCA Evanston/North Shore
 YWCA of Rockford
 YWCA Quincy

Indiana

AFSCME SUBCHAPTER 73
 Anchor House, Inc.
 Arc BRIDGES
 Church of the Brethren
 Congregation of Holy Cross

Gary Community School Corporation
 Haven House Services, Inc.
 Joint Education Services in Special Education
 (JESSE)
 Lafayette Urban Ministry
 Pax Christi
 RESULTS
 South Bend Community School Corporation
 United Way of Delaware County

Iowa

Iowa Citizen Action Network
 Loras College Peace and Justice Committee
 Sisters of the Presentation, Dubuque
 YWCA Ames-ISU

Kansas

Adorers of the Blood of Christ
 Mount St. Scholastica
 NEK-CAP, Inc.
 RESULTS - Topeka
 Rural Development Association of Northeast
 Kansas
 Sisters of St. Joseph of Concordia, Ks.

Kentucky

CODEPINK, Frankfort
 Covering KYKids, KYTask Force on Hunger
 Daniel Pitino Shelter
 Gateway House Homeless Shelter
 St. Walburg Monastery

Louisiana

Agenda for Children
 Congregation of St. Joseph Archives
 Daughters of Charity Services of New Orleans

Maine

ABG Consulting
 Bangor Area Homeless Shelter
 Maine Association of Nonprofits
 Maine People's Alliance
 Partners in Ending Hunger
 Portland Organizing to Win Economic Rights
 (POWER)
 The WAGE Project

Maryland

Mother Lange Guild
 Progressive Maryland

Public Justice Center
 Sisters of Mercy
 Sisters of St. Joseph
 St. Paul's Lutheran Church
 Young Women's Christian Association of the
 National Capital Area
 YWCA of Annapolis and Anne Arundel County

Massachusetts

Because It's The Right Thing To Do
 Catholic Charities
 Dominican Sisters
 Healthy Aging Matters
 Kids Project
 Massachusetts WIC Nutrition Program
 Montessori Beginnings
 Outreach Community Aid Program, Church of
 St. Andrew
 PCCD
 RESULTS - Greater Boston
 YouthBuild USA
 YWCA Greater Newburyport
 YWCA Southeastern Massachusetts

Michigan

Center for Civil Justice
 Common Ground Sanctuary
 Community Action Agency
 East Side Soup Kitchen
 Gallilean Baptist Church
 Grand Rapids Dominican Sisters
 Home for Peace and Justice
 IHM Justice, Peace and Sustainability Office
 Kent Co. Committee on Permancy Planning
 Michigan Citizen Action
 Mustard Seed Shelter
 National Council of Jewish Women, Greater
 Detroit Section
 Oakland County Welfare Rights
 Ohio St. Community Block Club
 Patient Focus Systems
 Pax Christi USA
 Providence Hospital-St. John Health
 RESULTS - Kalamazoo
 RESULTS - North Detroit
 St. Anthony Foundation (San Francisco, CA)
 St. Christine Christian Service
 Synergy Partners

Minnesota

Catholic Charities
 Church of St. Odilia, Social Justice Commission
 HOME Line
 Minnesota Indian Women's Resource Center
 NAEYC
 National Council of Jewish Women, Minnesota
 State Public Affairs
 Pax Christi Northwest Minnesota
 Residents for Affordable Housing
 SSND
 United Way of Douglas and Pope Counties
 West Central MN Communities Action, Inc.
 Women Planting Seeds
 Women Venture
 YWCA of Duluth

Mississippi

Moore Community House
 Public Policy Center of Mississippi

Missouri

Adorers of the Blood of Christ
 Applied Energy Solutions LLC
 CSJ Ministries
 Institute for Peace & Justice
 Leadership Team - Sisters of the Most Precious
 Blood of O'Fallon
 Mid America Assistance Coalition
 Missouri Association for Social Welfare
 Missouri Progressive Vote Coalition
 Missourians for Tax Justice
 NASW
 Ozarks Citizens Alliance
 Parenting Life Skills Center
 Social Concerns Office-Diocese of Jefferson
 City
 United Way of Southeast Missouri

Montana

Jeannette Rankin Peace Center
 Progressive Democrats of America
 Sherrie Downing Consulting
 Wild Rose Ranch Activism

Nebraska

Center for People in Need
 National Organization for Women
 Nebraska Appleseed Center for Law in the
 Public Interest

Nevada

Nevada Women's Lobby
 Progressive Leadership Alliance of Nevada
 Washoe Legal Services

New Hampshire

AHEAD Inc.
 CODEPINK NH
 Disabilities Rights Center, Inc.
 New Hampshire Citizens Alliance
 Rindge Women's Club

New Jersey

Access New Jersey
 Alliance for Disabled in Action Inc.
 Arc Mercer
 Asbury Park Coalition for Peace & Social
 Justice
 Association for Children of New Jersey
 Children's Cognitive and Behavioral Health Inc.
 Collier Services
 Community Access Unlimited
 Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph of
 Peace
 Displaced Homemakers Network of NJ, Inc.
 Glen Rock League of Women Voters
 Gloucester County Workforce Investment Board
 Jump Start SA LLC
 Lutheran Office of Governmental Ministry in NJ
 Nativity & St Elizabeth Social Justice Ministry
 New Jersey Citizen Action
 New Jersey Impeach Groups
 RESULTS - Bernardsville
 St. Paul's Church
 YWCA of Paterson New Jersey

New Mexico

Canossian Sisters
 Empowering Our Communities in NM
 HELP-New Mexico
 New Mexico Coalition to End Homelessness
 New Mexico PACE
 New Mexico Voices for Children
 Open Hands
 Scherer Institute of Natural Healing
 Unitarian Universalist Congregation

New York

American Psychological Association, Member
 Barrier Free Living
 CAP for Madison County, Inc.

Children's Mental Health Coalition of WNY
 Citizen Action of New York
 Claire Heureuse Community Center, Inc
 College Opportunity to Prepare for Employment
 Columbia Opportunities, Inc.
 Community Maternity Services
 Dominican Sisters
 Dutchess County Community Action Agency
 Fiscal Policy Institute
 Five Borough Institute
 Food Bank of Central New York
 Fox House
 FUREE
 HELP Morris Early Childhood
 Jan Robak Post 8 PLAV
 Lifechoice IPRT
 Little Bear Day Care
 Medicaid Matters New York
 Mid Hudson Valley Homeless Management
 Information System
 My House
 National Council of Jewish Women New York
 State Public Affairs
 Neighborhood Preservation Coalition of NYS,
 Inc.
 New York State Child Care Coordinating
 Council
 New York State Community Action Association
 NY Universal Living Wage Warriors
 NYS Child Care Council
 Pro Action of Steuben and Yates, Inc.
 Public Policy Office of the Roman Catholic
 Diocese of Syracuse
 RESULTS of Western New York
 Rochester Young Professionals
 Sister of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate
 Heart of Mary
 Sisters of Mercy
 Sisters of Social Service, Buffalo, New York
 Sisters of the Presentation
 Society of Jesus, New York Province
 Sodus Democratic Committee
 Special Instruction
 Stop Family Violence
 Supportive Housing Network of New York
 Ukrainian Autocephalous Orthodox Church
 United Way of New York City
 Vision42
 Warren-Hamilton Counties Community Action
 Agency
 West Side Campaign Against Hunger

Westchester Community Opportunity Program,
 Inc.
 WIC Training Center
 World Hunger Year
 Youth Ministries for Peace and Justice
 YWCA of Binghamton and Broome County
 YWCA of Brooklyn
 YWCA of Cortland
 YWCA of Elmira
 YWCA of the Mohawk Valley
 YWCA of Tonawandas
 YWCA of Troy-Cohoes
 YWCAs of the Northeast Region

North Carolina

Action for Children North Carolina
 Haywood County Community Connections
 Mountain Projects
 North Carolina Housing Coalition
 RESULTS - Asheville Group
 Susan Tipton-Fox/Pleading the Cause of the
 Needy
 YWCA Central Carolinas

North Dakota

NDPeople.org
 YWCA Minot

Ohio

Call to Renewal of Summit County
 CDCRC, Inc.
 Contact Center
 Greenwich Rd. Flute Studio
 Jefferson Township Unity Coalition
 National Council of Jewish Women, Ohio State
 Public Affairs
 OAPSE
 OCSEA
 Organize! Ohio
 Over-the-Rhine Marianists
 RESULTS
 Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati
 Sisters of St. Dominic of Akron, OH
 South Side Settlement House
 Summit Lake Neighborhood Association
 The Arc of Ohio
 The Center for Community Solutions
 The Community Builders, Inc.
 The Community Initiatives, Inc.
 The Ohio Association of Second Harvest
 Foodbanks

The Twelve of Ohio, Inc
 UHCAN Ohio
 United Church of Christ Justice and Witness
 Ministries
 United Methodist
 USW Local 8530
 YWCA of Dayton
 YWCA of Medina County
 YWCA of Youngstown
 Zion United Methodist Church

Oklahoma

ARC Grouphomes.org
 Common Cause
 Isaiah Group, St. James Catholic Church
 Oklahoma Workforce In Action, Inc.
 RESULTS

Oregon

Advocacy Coalition of Seniors and People with
 Disabilities
 Central Oregon Interfaith Action for Justice
 Community Action Board, West Linn
 Community Information Center
 Disability Navigators, Inc.
 General Political Activist
 Harp Society
 HOME Youth & Resource Center
 Human Services Coalition of Oregon
 Multnomah County Community Health Council
 OK2B
 Oregon Action
 Oregon Hunger Relief Task Force
 Our Peaceful Place

Pennsylvania

Advocacy Committee for J&P - Sisters St.
 Francis of Philadelphia
 Benedictines for Peace, Erie
 CADCOM
 CODEPINK
 COSA (DelCo AAA)
 Dignity Housing
 District 1199C Training and Upgrading Fund
 Eastern MontCo Action
 Elder/Norristown New Life Mennonite Church
 Erie Tenant Council
 Essential Energy
 Friends Neighborhood Guild
 Haddington Resident Association
 Just Harvest

Liberty Resources, Inc.
 Little Meadows Learning Center
 Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in Pennsylvania
 Maternity Care Coalition
 Mental Health Association of Northwestern PA
 Mental Health Association of Southeastern PA
 National Council of Jewish Women - PA
 Neighborhood Networks
 PA Partnerships for Children
 PathWaysPA
 PCDHC
 Penn Action
 Pennsylvania Council of Churches
 Pennsylvania Head Start Association
 Philadelphia Association of Community
 Development Corporations
 Philadelphia Citizens for Children and Youth
 Philadelphia Jewish Labor Committee
 Schuylkill Community Action
 Sisters of Charity, US Province
 Sisters of Mercy
 Sisters of St. Joseph, Baden, PA
 Trinity Soup Kitchen
 UMWA Local 6754
 United Church of Christ
 United Way of Beaver County
 Vote Blue
 Women's Christian Alliance
 YWCA Mid-Atlantic
 YWCA of Hanover
 YWCA of York

Puerto Rico

Grupo Shalom
 Liberty Resources

Rhode Island

National Association of Social Workers - RI
 Chapter
 National Council of Jewish Women
 Newport County Community Mental Health
 Center
 Ocean State Action
 Sisters of St. Joseph of Cluny

South Carolina

Annette's Consulting Services, LLC
 Red Cross
 South Carolina Campaign to End AIDS

South Dakota

Community Food Banks of South Dakota
South Dakota Peace and Justice Center

Tennessee

FunnymansABC.com
JustFaith, Nashville
Kiji Properties, Inc
Maloney Road, LLC
Memphis Food Bank
Nashville Homeless Power Project
Tennessee Chapter of National Committee of
Grandparents for Children's Rights
Tennessee Citizen Action
Tennessee Families United
Tennessee Health Care Campaign
Tennessee Grands
The Exchange Club Family Center

Texas

AFSCME
Alliance for Multicultural Community Services
Center for Public Policy Priorities
ChildSafe
Congregation of Divine Providence
Daughters of Charity, Dallas
Dominican Sisters of Houston
Family Life Center
First Church of Leonard TX
Gethsemane United Church of Christ
God's Army/Praying Women in Action
Gray Panthers of Texas
Greenlights for NonProfit Success
McLennan County Hunger Coalition
MD Anderson Cancer Center
National Council of Jewish Women Texas State
Public Affairs
PCUSA
Senior Community Outreach Services, Inc.
Social Justice -ST.B
Social Work Student Association- St. Edward's
University
South Texas Food Bank
Southwest Area Breastfeeding Advocates
Texas Christians Fighting Poverty
Texas State Employees Union
The Jack Montague Family
United Way
USW
Woodland City Alliance of Tenants
YWCA of Metropolitan Dallas

Utah

Utah Community Action Partnership
Voices for Utah Children

Vermont

Vermont Affordable Housing Coalition
Vermont Legal Aid, Inc.

Virginia

Blue Ridge Independent Living Center
Center for Law and Social Policy
Disabled Action Committee
East Point Association
Falls Church Housing Corporation
LINK of Hampton Roads, Inc
Mary Immaculate Hospital
New Community Church
People Places, Inc.
Portsmouth Community Health Center
Sowers of Justice
United for Peace & Justice
Virginia Poverty Law Center
Woodville Elementary School PTA
YWCA of South Hampton Roads
YWCA Virginia Peninsula

Washington

American Federation of Government Employees
Local 3937, AFL-CIO
Call to Renewal
Children's Alliance
CODEPINK
FISH Food Banks of Pierce County
Indo American Friendship Forum
Jobs with Justice
Media Island International
Minority Executive Directors Coalition
Mount Vernon Senior Center
National Council of Jewish Women Seattle
Section
Northwest Federation of Community
Organizations
Northwest Health Law Advocates
Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace
Social Justice Ministry
Tax Relief for Workers
Unitarian Housing Group--Seattle
University District Food Bank
Washington Community Action Network
Washington Federal State Employees 304
Western Region Anti-Hunger Consortium

Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic
YWCA Clark County

West Virginia

AFSC WV Economic Justice Project
Democracy For America
Direct Action Welfare Group
National Council of Jewish Women, West
Virginia State Public Affairs
West Virginia Citizen Action Group
YWCA of Charleston

Wisconsin

African Methodist Episcopal Church

Allied Partners

Carthage College Social Work Club
Citizen Action of Wisconsin
First Congregational United Church of Christ
Justice Outreach Racine Dominicans
Madison-area Urban Ministry
Pagans for Peace
School Sisters of St. Francis
YWCA Rock County

Wyoming

St. Anthony's Social Justice