

## A MESSAGE FROM THE JUBILEE EARTH TEAM ON CARING FOR CREATION AND OUR CHILDREN'S FUTURE

Dear Jubilants,

We are asking you to join us in living out one of our Jubilee Values, that of Reverence for All of Creation. We do this in many ways and now we have the opportunity to support national legislation to care for the Earth, our children, and the future generations. In the upcoming days congress will be debating and hopefully voting on the Build Back Better Legislation. We are asking you to join us in contacting your legislators in support of this important action to care for all of creation.

Here are some simple suggestions of ways to speak to your legislators by making calls about their votes on the Build Back Better legislation. Our local legislators are listed at the end of this message.

Legislators may not personally hear every call, but they do keep close track of what constituents are thinking, saying, writing. They keep close track of the numbers of calls, emails and letters they get and track the opinions for and against legislation.

A short call can be as effective as a long one. People in the legislator's office tallying calls are likely to summarize calls by caller location, for or against, and a key issue that motivated you to call.

- Start out by making sure they know you are a constituent by telling where you live.
- Leaving name (and contact info) is optional, but can add some weight to the call.
- Identify the legislation you are calling about
- State that you strongly support/oppose the legislation and would like them to do the same.
- Briefly state 1-3 top reasons why this impacts you and others (i.e. voters) in your region - the motivation for why you are calling them (and what you will no doubt be thinking about at election time)
- If you have a short story to explain how this impacts you or someone you know, that can be very helpful, but that usually works better in an email or letter (also very good to do).

Here are suggestions of the kind of message you might want to leave. The bold text is probably the minimum message to leave. We mentioned the disruptive and expensive consequences of rain and flooding, but pick your own climate concern(s). It could be about the future impact to your children or grandchildren, the so often unequal impact on those hurt first and worst, economic impacts, wildlife impacts ... The "strength" and urgency of your feelings can be an important part of a message.

**"Hello Senator .... This is <name>, a constituent in <town> North Carolina. I am calling to tell you that I strongly support the Build Back Better Act and would like you to consider that and vote to support this legislation.**

**Here in Western North Carolina we have become very concerned about the rapidly changing climate that is causing increasing rains and flooding, the disruptive and expensive damage to our infrastructure, putting people out of work and leaving people without a home.**

That makes the Build Back Better Act especially important to me and others here in <town> because it is a way to stop these problems from happening in the first place rather than spending enormous amounts cleaning up after they happen. Money can build a new house, but it can't replace the history of a home that has been washed away. I believe the Build Back Better Act is a way to stop that from happening.

Thanks in advance to the people of Jubilee who respond in this way or in other ways to Care for Creation and protect future generations.

### **The Jubilee Earth Team**

#### **BUILD BACK BETTER ACT**

Climate-related focus:

1. Reducing pollution by 50% by 2030
2. Creating good-paying jobs in Clean Energy
3. Making the US Power Sector achieve 100% clean energy
4. Investing in marginalized communities left behind
5. Making polluters pay - methane fee and end fossil fuel subsidies
6. Cleaning up Agricultural practices and Prioritize Conservation, i.e. Arctic Refuge and Wetlands.

Key Congressional Members in NC and Nationwide:

Sen. Richard Burr - 202-224-3154

Sen. Thom Tillis - 202-224-6342

Rep. Madison Cawthorne 202-225-6401

Sen. Joe Manchin (W. VA.) 304-342-5855

Sen. Krysten Sinema (Arizona) 606-598-7327