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12/16/2020	Civil Rights & Religious Liberty	Letter	On behalf of the undersigned religious freedom and human rights groups, organizations, and individuals, we write in support of protecting the sacred area known as Oak Flat located in the Tonto National Forest in southeastern Arizona.	President-Elect Joseph R. Biden
12/16/2020	Racial Justice	Statement	Senator Kelly Loeffler's desperate attacks against Rev. Warnock and Dr. Cone are an immoral and dangerous attempt to hijack religion for dishonest, hateful political purposes. Dr. Cone condemned racism, shared the Christian teaching that God broke into human history as a working-class person of color to lift up the marginalized, and welcomed allies of all races to the fight against white supremacy. As Americans of many faiths, we call on Senator Loeffler and her allies to cease these baseless attacks at once.	Open Release
12/15/2020	Environmental Justice	Letter	The 574 undersigned organizations, on behalf of our many millions of members, urge you to issue the following Executive Order to enact your "day one" commitment, with no state exceptions, to ban new federal oil and gas leasing and permitting on public lands and waters.	President-Elect Joseph R. Biden & Biden-Harris Transition Team
12/14/2020	LGBTQ Welcome & Equality	Letter	We, the undersigned organizations, strongly urge you to take immediate steps to release all transgender, gender non-conforming, non-binary, and intersex (TGNCNBI) people from state prisons who are vulnerable to infection and death from COVID-19. It is imperative that you act quickly. Numerous upstate prisons are experiencing outbreaks and the lives of our community are in danger.	NY Gov. Andrew Cuomo
12/14/2020	Civil Rights & Religious Liberty	Amicus curiae brief	Amici have a shared interest in ensuring that protections against sex discrimination include protections against discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity and in protecting women and girls of color from raceand sex-discrimination.	US Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
12/11/2020	Racial Justice	Letter	Senator Kelly Loeffler's desperate attacks against Rev. Warnock and Dr. Cone are an immoral and dangerous attempt to hijack religion for dishonest, hateful political purposes. Dr. Cone condemned racism, shared the Christian teaching that God broke into human history as a working-class person of color to lift up the marginalized, and welcomed allies of all races to the fight against white supremacy. As Americans of many faiths, we call on Senator Loeffler and her allies to cease these baseless attacks at once.	Sen. Kelly Loeffler & campaign
12/11/2020	Civil Rights & Religious Liberty	Letter	Facebook has served as a site for hateful extremists to spread disinformation, harass election workers, and undermine our votes. Now, heading into the final weeks of the election, it's critical that Facebook take immediate action to protect Georgia election workers by extending the protections that are provided to journalists and politicians and taking steps to block the spread of disinformation and violence in Georgia.	Mark Zuckerberg

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12/8/2020	Environmental Justice	Letter	The undersigned -- representing business, clean energy companies, environmental organizations, labor, health care, and consumer advocates -- write to express strong support for the environmental justice language in H.4933. We join a chorus of Massachusetts stakeholders, including major employers and businesses with significant operations in the Commonwealth, who previously conveyed similar support.	US House of Representatives, US Senate, House & Senate Telecommunications, Utilities & Energy Committee
12/7/2020	Environmental Justice	Letter	The undersigned organizations, on behalf of our _____ members and supporters, urge you to issue the following Executive Order to avert the climate emergency by using existing federal laws to initiate a managed phaseout of fossil fuel production and invest in a just, clean, distributed, and democratic energy system that works for all	Incoming Biden-Harris Administration
12/7/2020	Environmental Justice	Letter	The undersigned organizations, on behalf of our _____ members, urge your issuance of the following Executive Order to enact your "Day One" commitment, with no state exceptions, to ban new federal oil and gas leasing and permitting on public lands and waters	In-coming Biden-Harris Administration
12/7/2020	Environmental Justice	Statement	Now we, the undersigned governors, tribal leaders, mayors, state legislators, and local officials, and colleges and universities, businesses, investors, faith groups, cultural institutions, and health care organizations, are joining together once again to reaffirm our commitment to the Paris Agreement on climate change and pledge to partner with the Biden-Harris Administration, which has made ambitious commitments to tackle the climate crisis.	In-coming Biden-Harris Administration
11/18/2020	Environmental Justice	Statement	In the months ahead, governments and financial institutions will spend massive sums in response to the pandemic. Governments will present climate commitments at COP26 in November 2021. These actions must not perpetuate an outdated economic system that relies on fossil fuels and the destruction of the very forests, waters, oceans and soils that make life possible. Instead they should accelerate renewable energy development; ensure universal access to clean water and air, affordable clean energy, and food grown with respect for the land; create jobs paying family-sustaining wages to workers in safe conditions. We must also prepare ourselves to welcome those who will be displaced by COVID and climate change.	Worldwide distribution on 3/11/21 Global Day of Climate Action
10/13/2020	Economic Justice	Letter	It is urgent that communities have access to water to fight COVID-19. We therefore call for a moratorium on water shutoffs during the pandemic, which will provide assistance for low-income families during this economic crisis caused by COVID-19.	US Congress

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10/9/2020	Environmental Justice	Letter	We, the undersigned group of Indigenous women and organizations, call on your institutions to stop financing, investing in, and insuring the expansion of tar sands oil extraction, transport, and refining, and commit to phasing out support for tar sands oil. These measures should encompass both projects and the companies that build and operate such projects.	Major banks/insurance companies/asset managers financing tar sands projects
10/8/2020	Civil Rights & Religious Liberty	Letter	During her time on the bench, Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg exemplified a federal judiciary that is of and for the people; that is fair, independent, and qualified; and that is committed to upholding constitutional rights for everyone. We now ask the Senate to follow her powerful example by putting the health and security of our nation and its people first by opposing the nomination of Amy Coney Barrett to a lifetime seat on the US Supreme Court. It is the moral thing to do.	US Senate
10/6/2020	Beliefs & Principles	Congressional Resolution	Expressing support for the designation of the second Monday in October, 2020, as "Indigenous Peoples' Day" to celebrate and honor indigenous peoples and their shared history and culture.	US Congress
9/22/2020	Economic Justice	Letter	As faith leaders representing a broad array of religious beliefs and faith traditions, we urge you to work together and pass a robust COVID relief bill before recessing for the elections.	US Congress
8/21/2020	Criminal Justice	Letter	In a moment of dual crises—a global pandemic and subsequent economic disaster—the Massachusetts State Legislature must act now to address the ongoing extraction of vital resources from families, predominantly Black and Brown, seeking to stay connected to incarcerated loved ones. We urge you to pass S. 2846 to remove the cost barrier to phone calls for incarcerated people and their families.	Massachusetts Legislature
8/19/2020	Civil Rights & Religious Liberty	Letter	The undersigned organizations, representing millions of Americans nationwide, call on Postmaster General Louis DeJoy to immediately resign or for the Board of Governors to dismiss him from his position – and replace him with an experienced official who is committed to keeping mail delivery reliable.	USPS Board of Governors
7/30/2020	Civil Rights & Religious Liberty	Letter	Per the U.S. Constitution, Congress has the sole power to "determine the Time of chusing the Electors, and the Day on which they shall give their Votes." Under this authority, 3 U.S. C. § 1 dictates that the general presidential election be held this year on November 3, 2020.	President of the United States
7/23/2020	LGBTQ Welcome & Equality	Amicus curiae brief	Clergy across the country agree that religious freedom should not give anyone the right to impose their beliefs on another or to discriminate against LGBTQ people when providing government services. Diverse institutional religious leaders have a unique and critically important role to play in offering this perspective to the Court, and a new brief featuring the voices of faith leaders like you will be an important one.	Fulton v Philadelphia
7/13/2020	Civil Rights & Religious Liberty	Statement	The BREATHE Act is the modern-day civil-rights bill that we deserve. Join us in defending Black lives. Join us on the right side of history.	<a href="https://breatheact.org/action/">https://breatheact.org/action/</a>

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7/7/2020	Racial Justice	Letter	The undersigned are Native American leaders and organizations that have worked tirelessly and substantively for over half a century to change the racist name of the Washington team. We appreciate the statements made in recent days regarding the league and the team's intention to revisit the name, but we are deeply concerned that the process or decision to rename is being made in absence of any discussion with the concerned leadership.	NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell
6/25/2020	Immigration Justice	Letter	We, the undersigned national, state and local organizations, write to urge you to include in all appropriations bills language defunding Proclamation 10014 of April 22, 2020 "Suspension of Entry of Immigrants Who Present a Risk to the United States Labor Market During the Economic Recovery Following the 2019 Novel Coronavirus Outbreak" ("Immigration Ban") and "Proclamation Suspending Entry of Aliens Who Present a Risk to the U.S. Labor Market Following the Coronavirus Outbreak" signed June 22, 2020 ("Expanded Immigration Ban").	US Congress, Senate Appropriations, Senate Judiciary, House & Senate GA Committees
6/23/2020	Criminal Justice	Letter	We, the undersigned organizations, strongly urge you to take immediate steps to release all transgender, gender non-conforming, non-binary, and intersex (TGNCNBI) people from State prisons who are seriously vulnerable to infection and death from COVID-19.	Attorney General of New York Letitia James
6/25/2020	Criminal Justice	Statement	As faith leaders from a diverse range of traditions, we call on President Trump and Attorney General Barr to stop the scheduled federal executions.	Online
6/17/2020	Racial Justice	Letter	Specifically, we urge you to cease federal funding for the surveillance technologies that are being used to militarize our communities and criminalize dissent.	US House of Representatives, House Leadership & Judiciary Committee Leadership
6/17/2020	LGBTQ Welcome & Equality	Letter	We, the undersigned organizations, strongly urge you to take immediate steps to release all transgender, gender non-conforming, non-binary, and intersex (TGNCNBI) people from State prisons who are seriously vulnerable to infection and death from COVID-19.	Attorney General of New York State
6/3/2020	International Peace & Conflict	Letter	We call on Congress to wield its power of the purse and not allow any United States funds provided to Israel to be used for the recognition, facilitation or support of annexation, or for denial of Palestinian rights and violation of international law, including continuing occupation.	US Congress
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5/18/2020	Economic Justice	Investor Letter	We are writing to urge that you cease your association with, and end your funding of, the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC), which is leading an effort to lobby government officials—including President Trump—to ignore public health officials and discontinue mitigation measures before the COVID-19 outbreak is under control. ALEC's work in this effort, which your organization is funding through its support of ALEC, poses a serious threat to the health and safety of all us all.	ALEC Corporate Funders
4/29/2020	International Human Rights & Justice	Letter	On behalf of School of the Americas Watch and the undersigned organizations, we write to support the Congressional request to zero out the funding for the Western Hemispheric Institute for Security Cooperation (WHINSEC), 10 U.S.C. Section 343, in the 2021 Defense Appropriations bill.	US Congress
4/27/2020	Economic Justice	Investor Letter	We are writing to urge that you cease your association with, and end your funding of, the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC), which is leading an effort to lobby government officials—including President Trump—to ignore public health officials and discontinue mitigation measures before the COVID-19 outbreak is under control. ALEC's work in this effort, which your company is funding through its support of ALEC, poses a serious threat to the health and safety of all Americans.	Companies that invest in American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC)
4/14/2020	Civil Rights & Religious Liberty	Letter	The undersigned organizations, on behalf of the Faithful Democracy coalition, are calling for the federal government to protect voting rights during the COVID-19 pandemic.	US Congress
4/14/2020	Economic Justice	Letter	We implore you to immediately exercise the full powers of the government available to you, at the scale and speed necessary, to protect these workers and confront the coronavirus crisis. Only the federal government has the tools available to maximize protections for these workers, yet you are failing to provide the leadership that this moment demands.	President of the United States
4/14/2020	Economic Justice	Letter	On behalf of our millions of supporters and members, we ask that future legislation, including a comprehensive infrastructure bill, put people first — especially the 16 million-plus newly unemployed — and that not a single cent be given to polluters. We must ensure a just and equitable recovery.	US Congress
4/7/2020	Environmental Justice	Letter	We have come together out of a deep concern for the environment and for people who suffer most from the ill effects of a warming planet. Therefore, we urge the committee to advance S. 2754, the American Innovation and Manufacturing Leadership (AIM) Act.	US Senate, Senate Committee on Environment & Public Works
4/7/2020	Economic Justice	Letter	We...urge you to implement a nationwide moratorium on the shut-offs of electricity, water, broadband, and all other essential utilities as part of the fourth COVID-19 stimulus package.	US Congress, House & Senate Leadership

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4/6/2020	Economic Justice	Letter	We write to urgently request that the office of Florida Governor Ron DeSantis immediately take all necessary steps, together with local and federal authorities, to protect farmworkers in Immokalee during the COVID-19 pandemic,	Florida Gov. DeSantis
4/6/2020	Economic Justice	Letter	We implore you to immediately exercise the full powers of the government available to you, at the scale and speed necessary to protect these workers and confront the coronavirus crisis. Only the federal government has the tools available to maximize protections for these workers, yet you are failing to provide the leadership that this moment demands.	President of the United States
3/31/2020	Criminal Justice	Letter	During the COVID-19 pandemic incarcerated and detained individuals are being deprived of family visits across the country in conditions that make them uniquely at risk to contracting COVID-19. As such we urge the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to immediately: <input type="checkbox"/> Request predatory prison phone companies offer free phone and video calls with no fees to incarcerated and detained individuals immediately for the next 60 days; <input type="checkbox"/> Press the prison phone industry to commit to the Keep Americans Connected Pledge; <input type="checkbox"/> Deny Securix' and all companies' request to stop paying into the Universal Service Fund.	FCC Commissioners
3/25/2020	Criminal Justice	Letter	As faith-based organizations, we want to ensure that current and formerly incarcerated people are not made invisible in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.	President of the United States, also Attorney General Barr
3/24/2020	Economic Justice	Action to Write to Congress	We need a swift, inclusive bailout, by and for the people.	General Public
3/19/2020	Economic Justice	Letter	We request that your associations—and their member governors, mayors, utility regulators, and rural electric cooperative, public power and water utility boards—take steps to implement a moratorium on all electricity and water utility shut-offs, waiver of all late-payment charges, and reinstatement of any services that have already been cut off due to nonpayment.	NGOs
3/19/2020	Economic Justice	Letter	We oppose the U.S. aviation industry's request for \$50-60 billion in unconditional assistance and any request that would allow the aviation industry to shirk its responsibility to workers or return to business as usual in the face of the climate crisis.	House & Senate Leadership
3/13/2020	Health and Economic Justice	Statement	Unlike previous economic downturns, this crisis requires a unique response to address both public health and economic challenges. We urge Congress to adhere to these principles in crafting legislation that addresses the coronavirus pandemic and stimulates the economy	US Congress
3/12/2020	Economic Justice	Statement	"The Families First Coronavirus Response Act is focused directly on providing support for America's families, who must be our first priority in this emergency."	President of the United States
3/11/2020	Economic Justice	Letter	As you develop another legislative package responding to the coronavirus outbreak, we call on you to prioritize the needs of low-income people and their families who need assistance.	US Congress

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2/19/2020	LGBTQ Welcome & Equality	Statement	All of us are united in the conviction that censorship of what we see and hear and read constitutes an unacceptable dictatorship over our minds and a dangerous opening to religious, political, artistic, and intellectual repression.	Public statement
1/27/2020	Immigration Justice	Senate Resolution	Recognizing January 27, 2020, as the anniversary of the first refugee and Muslim ban, calling on Congress to defund the Migrant Protection Protocols, and urging the President to restore refugee resettlement to historic norms.	US Senate
2/10/2020	International Peace & Conflict	Letter	We are writing to urge you to support H.R. XXX, a newly introduced bill designed to ensure congressional approval and oversight of presidential sanctions on foreign entities.	US House of Representatives
1/28/2020	LGBTQ Welcome & Equality	Letter	We are writing to express our grave disappointment in your decision to sign into law legislation that provides a license to discriminate in the provision of child welfare services.	Governor of Tennessee
1/24/2020	International Peace & Conflict	Letter	It is now more clear than ever that, until it is repealed, the 2002 Authorization for the Use of Military Force against Iraq can and will be abused to justify unforeseen and unauthorized military action. We thus write to request your support for H.R. 2456, led by Rep. Barbara Lee, to repeal the 2002 Iraq AUMF.	US Congress, US House of Representatives
1/3/2020	International Peace & Conflict	Statement	As people of faith, we condemn the United States' dangerous aggression towards Iran, including the assassination of Gen. Qassem Soleimani and the deployment of additional troops to the region. We urge the Administration to step back from the brink of war.	President of the United States
1/4/2020	International Peace & Conflict	Statement		Faith Statement
12/2/2019	International Human Rights & Justice	Letter	We welcome the "Promoting Human Rights for Palestinian Children Living Under Israeli Military Occupation Act" (H.R. 2407), legislation that prohibits any U.S. taxpayer funds from contributing to the military detention, interrogation, abuse, or ill-treatment of children by any country, including Israel.	US Congress
1/9/2020	International Peace & Conflict	Letter	We ask Congress to do everything in its power to ensure the U.S. does not continue its escalation of U.S. military action toward Iran; and indeed to do all that is possible to deescalate the tensions, including robust support for diplomacy.	US Congress