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Date Approved	Topic	Category	Subtopic	Target
1/4/2019	Civil Rights & Religious Liberty	Letter	We invite you to cosponsor the Freedom of Religion Act. This bill would codify, in the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) of 1965, the long-held concept that immigrants, refugees, and international travelers cannot be banned from entering our country based on their religion or abstention.	US House of Representatives
1/9/2019	International Human Rights & Justice	Letter	We are writing to ask you to end the CIA's use of armed drones to carry out lethal attacks.	US Congress
1/9/2019	Civil Rights & Religious Liberty	Statement	In particular, we stand against "Project Blitz," a new and coordinated national effort by the Congressional Prayer Caucus Foundation and others to enshrine Christian nationalism in state laws across the country. Project Blitz promotes a three-tiered framework of state bills meant incrementally to redefine religious freedom and tear down the separation of church and state, with each tier laying the groundwork for the next.	Statement
1/15/2019	Economic Justice	Statement	We are increasingly concerned about the plight of our sisters and brothers who work hard but still struggle making ends meet. As a remedy to that plight the Raise the Wage Act is legislation that not only provides for workers' financial well-being, but fosters their sense of self-worth as individuals and members of society.	US Congress
1/23/2019	Economic Justice	Letter	On behalf of the undersigned organizations and the tens of millions of working families we represent, we urge you to co-sponsor and advocate for swift and thorough consideration of the Family And Medical Insurance Leave (FAMILY) Act.	US Congress
1/25/2019	Environmental Justice	Statement	The Unitarian Universalist Association has joined hundreds of other organizations and individuals pledging solidarity with the Wet'suwet'en Hereditary Chiefs, who are blocking the development of a Coastal GasLink pipeline on their traditional territories in northwestern British Columbia	Published
1/25/2019	Immigration Justice	Resolution	Title: Recognizing January 27, 2019, as the anniversary of the first refugee and Muslim ban, and urging the President to demonstrate true leadership on refugee resettlement.	US Senate
1/29/2019	Immigration Justice	Statement	We, the undersigned, declare our steadfast support for non-governmental organizations providing humanitarian aid to migrants and refugees in the US borderlands and globally. We decry the criminal prosecutions of volunteer aid workers by governments everywhere.	To be published in newspapers before second round of trials in late Feb.

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1/30/2019	Civil Rights & Religious Liberty	Letter	We, the undersigned organizations, support the efforts by Members of Congress to restore balance to our democracy through the sweeping new reform package, the For the People Act, or H.R. 1.	US House of Representatives
1/29/2019	Immigration Justice	Letter	We urge Members of Congress to utilize their oversight authority to protect and rebuild the USRAP so that its legacy can continue as a pillar of U.S. leadership.	US Congress
1/31/2019	Immigration Justice	Letter	We, the undersigned organizations, urge you to prioritize the reduction of funding for this administration's harmful border militarization and immigration enforcement policies and to exercise much-needed oversight over the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) during the ongoing spending conference.	US Congress
2/1/2019	Immigration Justice	Letter	The undersigned civil and human rights organizations urge the above named Democratic members of the House-Senate Conference Committee to reject any proposals that further increase funding for interior immigration or border enforcement, including a "smart" wall, as an alternative to President Trump's recent proposal.	Members of House-Senate Conference Committee
2/1/2019	Civil Rights & Religious Liberty	Letter	As you lead your committees, we urge you to protect and maintain the Johnson Amendment, which is the longstanding tax law provision that safeguards the integrity and independence of our nation's charitable nonprofits, houses of worship, and foundations by ensuring they do not endorse or oppose candidates for public office.	Senate Finance Committee Chair Grassley and House Ways and Means Chair Neal
2/1/2019	Criminal Justice	Letter	The undersigned criminal justice, human rights, faith-based, and government accountability organizations write in support of the Stop Militarizing Law Enforcement Act. We urge you to cosponsor this important bipartisan legislation that would reform the 1033 program.	US Congress
2/6/2019	Civil Rights & Religious Liberty	Letter	As faith-based advocates and congregations, we seek systems that diminish inequality, support the most vulnerable, nurture human potential, and protect the health and well-being of all members of our society and of creation. We look to our government to reflect those ideals and we support a strong democracy	Members of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committees
1/30/2019	Immigration Justice	Letter	On behalf of the XXX undersigned national, state, and local faith-based organizations, as well as XXX faith leaders from across traditions, we respectfully request that you secure the future of Liberians soon to lose protections offered by the Deferred Enforced Departure (DED) before the deadline of March 31, 2019.	House & Senate Leadership

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2/15/2019	Civil Rights & Religious Liberty	Letter	We, the undersigned members and allies of the Coalition Against Religious Discrimination (CARD), write to denounce the recent Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) decision to exempt federally funded foster care and adoption agencies in South Carolina from the religious nondiscrimination protections provided under 45 CFR § 75.300(c).	Department of Health and Human Services
2/15/2019	Economic Justice	Letter	We have serious concerns about the Trump Administration's notice for proposed rule-making which would restrict states' flexibility to provide vital nutrition support to people who struggle to feed themselves and their families.	US Department of Agriculture
2/22/2019	Economic Justice	Letter	we urge you to co-sponsor the Expanded & Improved Medicare for All Act, the single-payer healthcare legislation in the House, and we ask for your leadership in the social movement to establish healthcare as a right.	US House of Representatives, Reps. Neal & Lynch
2/25/2019	Civil Rights & Religious Liberty	Letter	We write as members of the Declaration for American Democracy coalition to strongly urge you to vote for H.R. 1, the "For the People Act of 2019," and to vote against any amendment or motion to recommit to weaken or remove any provision in the Act.	US House of Representatives
2/27/2019	Criminal Justice	Letter	As a newly elected member of Congress, we hope that you will work with us during the 116th Congress to reform our broken criminal justice system to make it more just and humane.	US Congress, Newly-elected Members of 116th Congress
2/28/2019	Economic Justice	Letter	As leaders representing a broad array of religious beliefs and faith traditions, we write to urge you to pass the Raise the Wage Act of 2019 and begin to phase in a \$15 an hour national wage floor by the year 2024.	US House of Representatives, Members of House Education & Labor Committee
3/1/2019	Civil Rights & Religious Liberty	Letter	The Justice Roundtable and its associated organizations urge the House of Representatives to support the Democracy Restoration Act and oppose all amendments and a motion to recommit to remove this provision from H.R. 1, the For the People Act of 2019.	US House of Representatives

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3/6/2019	Economic Justice	Letter	We write as faith leaders of national religious denominations and organizations to urge Wendy's to join the Coalition of Immokalee Workers' Fair Food Program.	Nelson Peltz and the Wendy's Board of Directors
3/12/2019	Reproductive Justice	Statement	Funding Request: a total of \$1.66 billion for family planning and reproductive health (FP/RH) programs, both bilateral and multilateral, with funding provided from the Global Health Programs account and the Economic Support Fund and from the International Organizations and Programs account for a \$111 million voluntary contribution to the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), but no less than the \$800 million, including \$54 million for UNFPA, in order to provide the first installment of the funding increases necessary to incrementally achieve the \$1.66 million target over a five-year period.	US House of Representatives, House Appropriations
3/13/2019	LGBTQ Welcome & Equality	Statement	As people of faith, we urge Congress to support the Equality Act.	US Congress
3/13/2019	Immigration Justice	Letter	We, the undersigned national, state, and local education, civil and human rights, LGBTQ+, labor, national security, faith, grassroots, and immigrants' rights organizations, write to express our support for H.R. 6, the Dream and Promise Act of 2019, which would put immigrant youth known as Dreamers and long-time beneficiaries of Temporary Protected Status (TPS) and Deferred Enforced Departure (DED) on a roadmap to citizenship.	US House of Representatives, House Leadership: Pelosi, McCarthy, Nadler & Collins
3/14/2019	Environmental Justice	Statement	The Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act incentivizes fossil fuel reduction, supports alternative energies, and sends money back into households. These are all excellent strategies for combatting climate change. This legislation is supported by Unitarian Universalists across the country who are working hard to get it passed.	US House of Representatives
3/20/2019	Immigration Justice	Letter	We the undersigned national, state, and local organizations support significant cuts in funding to Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and Customs and Border Protection (CBP), the agencies behind President Trump's harmful detention, deportation and border militarization regime.	US Congress, House/Senate Leadership & House/Senate Budget Committees

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3/20/2019	International Human Rights & Justice	Letter	We are writing as church communions and organizations, many with a long history of involvement and work in the Middle East. Over the past year we have witnessed the negative impacts of the Trump administration's decision to cut funding to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) and to withhold bilateral Economic Support Funds (ESF) for the West Bank and Gaza.	US Congress
3/25/2019	Criminal Justice	Letter	Many of the below priority issues help to ameliorate problems emanating from the 1994 Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act. The 1994 Crime Bill significantly contributed to mass incarceration, and destabilized many African American communities. Your attention to these priority areas will help to repair some of the damage wrought over the past 25 years by harmful and ineffective crime control policies.	House & Senate Judiciary Committees
4/4/2019	Reproductive Justice	Letter	We, the undersigned national faith-based and religious groups, urge you to oppose S 160 and similar measures that restrict women's access to safe, legal abortion. We stand united across our faith traditions in opposing measures like S 160.	US Senate, Senate Judiciary Committee
3/21/2019	Criminal Justice	Investor Letter	The undersigned signatories, which are members of the Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility (ICCR), write in follow up to our shareholder engagement over the past 18 months with executives at JPMorgan Chase to address the company's financial relationships with private prisons. We commend the company for its public commitment to no longer bank the private prison industry.	Mr. Jamie Dimon, CEO of JPMorganChase
4/18/2019	Civil Rights & Religious Liberty	Letter	We urge you to protect and maintain the Johnson Amendment, which is the longstanding tax law provision that safeguards the integrity and independence of our nation's charitable nonprofits, houses of worship, and foundations by ensuring they do not endorse or oppose candidates for public office.	US Congress, House & Senate AFSGG Subcommittees
4/22/2019	Civil Rights & Religious Liberty	Letter	We, the undersigned faith leaders and organizations, write with great concern about legislation that authorizes discrimination that will ultimately harm the youth that the child welfare agencies are bound to protect. We ask you to oppose these measures.	Tennessee State Legislature
4/22/2016	Economic Justice	Letter	We respectfully request that President Barack Obama instruct the Army Corps of Engineers to conduct a full Environmental Impact Statement to better evaluate the potential effects of the pipeline.	President of the United States
4/28/2017	Environmental Justice	Call to Action	We are mobilizing specifically for 100 hours of action at the beginning of Trump's Presidency and escalating fro	

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11/20/2017	Environmental Justice	Call To Action	We need everyone's help to do something hard: sign up today to commit to creative peaceful resistance along the pipeline route when called upon by frontline leaders, likely next spring.	Promise To Protect
11/29/2018	Environmental Justice	Letter	Americans from all walks of life are supporting a Green New Deal. See who else is in favor and join the fight by signing on below.	US House of Representatives
10/25/2018	Environmental Justice	Statement	On October 24, 213 faith organizations signed the We Are Still In declaration, joining 9 states, 252 cities and co	
1/8/2019	Environmental Justice	Statement	We commend Congressmen Ted Deutch and Francis Rooney for reintroducing their carbon tax legislation.	US Congress
1/2/2019	Environmental Justice	Call to Action	Water Protector Legal Collective and the Indigenous Peoples Law and Policy (IPLP) Program at the University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law invite you to join us in submitting a joint request to the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights for a thematic hearing on the suppression of indigenous resistance to extractive industries in North America. The IACHR has announced that it will hold an additional session May 2-10, 2019, in a Caribbean country to be announced, and we are aiming to request the hearing for that session.	Water Protector Legal Collective
5/1/2019	Criminal Justice	Letter	The undersigned criminal justice and faith-based organizations write in support of the Restoring Education and Learning (REAL) Act. We urge you to support this important bipartisan legislation and request its full inclusion in reauthorization of the Higher Education Act currently under consideration in both chambers.	US House of Representatives
	Civil Rights & Religious Liberty	Investor Letter	We, the undersigned shareholders and civil rights groups, write today asking you to withhold your votes of support from Mark Zuckerberg, as a member of Facebook's board of directors, at the annual shareholder meeting on May 30.	Facebook's Largest Shareholders
5/31/2019	Civil Rights & Religious Liberty	Letter	We are concerned that the FY'20 Spending Bill will, yet again, attempt to undermine local decisions made by the people of the District of Columbia and their locally elected leadership. These local laws were enacted to address concerns that are important to the more than 700,000 residents who call Washington, DC home.	Rep. Eleanor Holmes Norton
6/3/2019	Reproductive Justice	Letter	We the undersigned stand with the people of Missouri, and all across the country, whose health care and rights are at grave risk due to the reckless actions of politicians who oppose access to abortion care.	Open/Public

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6/13/2019	Criminal Justice	Letter	Many of the organizations that comprise the Interfaith Criminal Justice Coalition opposed the First Step Act due to the implementation of a risk assessment tool and those that did support passage of the bill did with stated misgivings over the tool. However, as steps are now being taken to create and execute the assessment tool, we are compelled to provide analysis, guidance, and recommendations for the evaluation, design and selection of a risk assessment tool that upholds equity and the principles of the First Step Act as written.	Independent Review Committee
6/13/2019	Environmental Justice	Letter	As religious organizations representing a variety of faith traditions we ask that you support the International Climate Accountability Act that is intended to keep the United States in the Paris Agreement, an international agreement aimed at curbing climate change, and to require the Administration to assemble a plan to meet our commitments under the agreement.	US Senate
6/26/2019	Immigration Justice	Letter	We, the undersigned organizations, are writing to urge your company to refuse to work with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), and publicly pledge not to allow any of your properties to hold people in ICE custody. Hotels must not act as temporary jails for children and immigrant families caught up in the Trump administration's racist, harmful immigration policy.	Execs of hotel chains known to have contracted with ICE
7/9/2019	Environmental Justice	Investor Letter	The undersigned investors, representing [\$X] in assets under management, write with new and serious concerns regarding the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) proposed rollback of the New Source Performance Standards (NSPS) regulating oil and gas methane emissions.	Major oil & gas companies
7/22/2019	Civil Rights & Religious Liberty	Letter	We are writing to urge you to co-sponsor H.J.Res. 2, the bipartisan Democracy for All Amendment, which would restore the authority of Congress and the states to set common-sense rules for the raising and spending of money on elections to advance political equality for all Americans.	US Congress
7/26/2019	Civil Rights & Religious Liberty	Letter	As faith-based advocacy organizations and service providers committed to elevating Native American concerns, we urge you to include a 5% tribal set-aside of the Crime Victims Fund in the Commerce Justice Science appropriations bill.	US Senate
8/1/2019	Immigration Justice	Letter	We write to you from across different faith traditions and faith-based organizations to urge you to prioritize non-defense discretionary funding for programs that address true human needs while reducing the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) budget for deportation, detention, and border militarization.	US Congress, House/Senate Leadership & Appropriations Committee

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8/2/2019	LGBTQ Welcome & Equality	Sign-on endorsement of International Pronouns Day	“We endorse International Pronouns Day, which seeks to make respecting, sharing, and educating about personal pronouns commonplace. Referring to people by the pronouns they determine for themselves is basic to human dignity. Being referred to by the wrong pronouns particularly affects transgender and gender nonconforming people. Together, we can transform society to celebrate people’s multiple, intersecting identities. We encourage colleges, schools, workplaces, and local organizations to hold educational and empowering events on International Pronouns Day.”	General publication
7/29/2019	Environmental Justice	Investor Letter	We, the undersigned investors, are writing to provide comments to the public review draft of the Equator Principles (EP4) released in June 2019 and represent XX trillion assets under management or advisement.	Equator Principles Association
7/31/2019	Criminal Justice	Investor Letter	Barclays’ relationship with GEO Group, a relationship that is gaining increasing public attention, may expose the bank to serious business risks. These risks include opposition from employees or loss of clients who are opposed to the current immigrant policy and/or have concerns with the business model of private prisons and the human rights risks at these facilities more generally.	Barclays
7/31/2019	Criminal Justice	Investor Letter	As current and potential shareholders, we are concerned that [name of bank] financial relationships with CoreCivic, a relationship that is gaining increasing public attention, may expose the bank to serious business risks. These risks include opposition from employees or loss of clients who are opposed to the current immigrant policy and/or have concerns with the business model of private prisons and the human rights risks at these facilities more generally.	Banks investing in CoreCivic
8/1/2019	Reproductive Justice	Investor Letter	The undersigned institutional investors, asset owners and asset managers are writing today to request a dialogue with COMPANY about the urgent threats to reproductive health care in the United States, and to learn how COMPANY views its responsibilities and obligations in this area to its employees and the broader public. We are long term investors in the public markets, with combined assets under management of \$ .	41 companies re: reproductive rights
8/2/2019	LGBTQ Welcome & Equality	Endorsement of the Every Child Deserves a Family Act	ECDF is a federal bill that promotes the best interests of children by increasing the number of foster and adoptive homes available to all foster children and improving services to LGBTQ and religious minority foster children.	Online campaign
9/3/2019	Economic Justice	Letter	As leaders of diverse church communions and religious organizations, we ardently support robust U.S. leadership in coordination and direct engagement with all the relevant parties to bring about an end to this conflict in a way that addresses the human rights concerns of Israelis and Palestinians—Jews, Christians and Muslims.	President of the United States



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9/13/2019	Civil Rights & Religious Liberty	Letter	We, the undersigned members and allies of the Coalition Against Religious Discrimination (CARD) submit the following comments to the proposed rule, "Implementing Legal Requirements Regarding the Equal Opportunity Clause's Religious Exemption," which the Department of Labor's Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs (OFCCP) published in the Federal Register on August 15, 2019.	Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs
9/10/2019	Environmental Justice	Letter	On Friday, September 20, 2019, young people around the world are engaging in a Global Climate Strike to demand bold and immediate action by world leaders based on values of compassion, love, and justice. We at the Unitarian Universalist Association and our President, Rev. Dr. Susan Frederick-Gray, are joining with other faith leaders to support this call to action. We ask that you join us by signing this letter and committing to #StrikeWithUS.	Clergy and faith leaders
9/16/2019	Economic Justice	Letter	We, the undersigned organizations, ask that you fully withdraw all support of and participation with ALEC.	USAA
10/2/2019	Criminal Justice	Letter	The Justice Roundtable, represented by the undersigned organizations, urges you to cosponsor the Second Look Act (S. 2146/H.R. 3795), introduced by Senator Cory Booker and Representative Karen Bass, to restore more proportionality in federal sentencing by reexamining excessive prison terms, and allowing for release in cases of redemption and transformation.	US House of Representatives, US Senate
10/30/2019	Reproductive Justice	Letter	In accordance with our moral convictions and personal faiths, we endorse the ROE Act. We call on the Massachusetts Legislature and Governor Baker to safeguard personal dignity and religious freedom by passing this vital legislation.	Massachusetts Legislature & Gov. Baker
11/4/2019	Civil Rights & Religious Liberty	Statement	Living into our call to the prophetic pursuit of justice, equality, and the common good, the Faithful Democracy Coalition comes together in 2020 for a restoration of our nation's founding principles. The faith community affirms that every human being is a person of dignity and worth. In a secular democracy, fair and just democratic systems are central to the assertion of that dignity and worth.	US Congress
11/12/2019	International Human Rights & Justice	Letter	We welcome 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 House of Representatives
11/12/2019	Environmental Justice	Letter	On behalf of our members and supporters, we are calling on the Select Committee on the Climate Crisis to endorse the bold actions that science requires and that justice demands in order to limit global temperature rise to below 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels — actions that a majority of the United States public supports.	US House of Representatives

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11/12/2019	Reproductive Justice	Letter	We write to express our grave concern regarding the administration's recent attacks on the Title X family planning program and our deep opposition to the newest rule restricting access to care. We urge you to block implementation of the Title X rule and restore the integrity of the program.	US Senate, US Senate Appropriations Committee
11/25/2019	Immigration Justice	Letter	We are immigration, human rights, and civil rights organizations and academics, and we write to request that you take action to end the Trump Administration's "Remain in Mexico" program, formally referred to by the Administration as the "Migrant Protection Protocols" ("MPP").	US House of Representatives, Chairs of House Judiciary, Homeland Security & Subcommittees