HELLO FRIENDS,

As 1Sky completes its third year of operations, I am pleased to enclose our annual report detailing our work over the past year. On behalf of the entire organization, our allies, organizers and supporters, we thank you so much for your continued support of this vital work.

Because of the generosity of donors like you, 1Sky has grown to become one of the largest collaborative grassroots campaigns for climate action in the country, and we could not have become this successful without you. Here are a few simple ways you can make a significant impact on our work:

• $23 will provide materials for an action leader to effectively execute an action in their community to generate media-worthy impact and ensure key decision makers hear our voices;
• $181 will provide a day of support for a paid organizer working in key states to ensure maximum impact through media hits, supporter and volunteer recruitment, as well as continued pressure on decision makers in the region;
• $500 will fund a regional training hosted by a 1Sky staff member and a Regional Coordinator to teach movement building and leadership techniques to supporters, allies and other key leaders; and
• $1,000 will ensure a 1Sky Regional Coordinator can organize in a key region for a year, and allow them to be a point person for volunteers and allies.

To help us continue our vital work, please take a moment now to make a donation to 1Sky. All of our efforts are made possible by the generosity of individuals like you and a few foundations partners. We can’t continue without you, and as this report demonstrates, we do a lot with a little. Have questions? Contact us at giving@1sky.org.

Please make a gift today.

Warmly,

Liz Butler
Campaign Director
It’s hard to believe three years have passed since I joined 1Sky as its first Campaign Director. We have come so far in such a short period of time because of the hard work and dedication of our volunteers and organizers.

It was with a bittersweet mixture of excitement and sadness that I stepped down from my role at 1Sky in September to consult on social justice issues near and dear to my heart — including, of course, climate change.

1Sky has grown from being a start-up in 2007 with a devoted founding board of directors, just one staffer, i.e. me, and no office, into a powerful grassroots campaign that has worked tirelessly nationwide to push our leaders in Washington for bold solutions to the climate crisis.

Together, we’ve grown the climate movement, helped secure a climate bill in the House of Representatives, fought for strong legislation in the Senate, pushed President Obama to take action on climate both at home and abroad, and protected the Clean Air Act from dirty polluters and their allies in Congress itching to gut it.

Even though our leaders have deeply disappointed us this year by failing to pass a climate bill or even an oil spill recovery bill, I’m proud of our achievements and I’m confident that we’ve laid a solid foundation for climate action in the future.

Big Oil and Dirty Coal have lavished nearly $15 million in campaign contributions on members of Congress since 2009, and that money has bought them a pass to continue polluting. We need to keep building and strengthening this grassroots movement to take them on.

Three years ago, I threw myself into the climate movement because I knew that the poorest and most marginalized people on the planet are being hit first and worst by the ravages of global warming. But I also did it because I wanted to leave my children Tess and Finn with a cleaner, safer world. Despite recent setbacks, I’m confident that the arc of history for the climate movement is bending towards the change we so desperately need. That’s why I’ll continue to support 1Sky’s work after my departure and I know you will, too. It’s the fight of our lifetimes — we can’t just throw up our hands in despair and walk away.

Thank you so much for your continued commitment to the climate movement. Onwards!

In Unity,

Gillian Caldwell
Campaign Caldwell, 1Sky (from September 2007-September 2010)
ANY OF US SUFFERED DEPRESSION IN THE WAKE OF OUR VALIANT, YET FAILED EFFORTS TO PROMOTE COMPREHENSIVE CLIMATE SOLUTIONS AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL. 1SKY’S TEAM GAVE IT THEIR ALL, AS DID SO MANY OTHERS. THE 1SKY BOARD OF DIRECTORS PUBLISHED AN OPEN LETTER (HTTP://WWW.HUFFINGTONPOST.COM/ BETSY-TAYLOR/AN-OPEN-LETTER-TO-ALL-PEOPLE-674001.HTML) TO OUR ALLIES IN SEPTEMBER, 2010 OUTLINING SOME OF OUR THOUGHTS ABOUT LESSONS LEARNED AND KEY STRATEGIES FOR MOVING FORWARD. I ENCOURAGE YOU TO READ IT.

NOW IS NOT THE TIME TO STAND DOWN. WE MUST CLARIFY A NEW VISION TO MATCH THE SCALE AND SPEED OF THE GLOBAL WARMING THREAT. HOW ABOUT RETROFITTING 150 MILLION AMERICAN BUILDINGS IN FIVE YEARS TO CREATE JOBS, REDUCE ENERGY COSTS, AND RADICALLY CUT CARBON? WHAT ABOUT PUSHING TO REDIRECT BILLIONS IN PRIVATE CONTRACTS FOR FOREIGN WARS TO BILLIONS IN CONTRACTS FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY? (OUR GOVERNMENT SPENDS MORE ON ITS MILITARY PROGRAMS THAN THE COMBINED DEFENSE BUDGETS OF ALL OTHER NATIONS. GEEZ! LET’S THINK IN NEW WAYS ABOUT HOW TO GET THERE. WE NEED TO THINK BIG ABOUT WHERE WE WANT TO GO, WE MUST RETHINK WHAT WILL GIVE US TRUE SECURITY – MORE TROOPS AND DEFENSE BUDGETS OF ALL OTHER NATIONS. GEEZ! LET’S THINK ABOUT ENERGY AND CLIMATE IN A WAY THAT IS BENEFICIAL FOR OUR FUTURE, OUR GENERATION, AND THE NEXT. WE MUST THINK ABOUT HOW TO CREATE A COMPETITIVE ECONOMY THAT IS CARBON-FREE, AND WE MUST COMPLETELY TRANSFORM OUR ECONOMY SO THAT IT IS BASED ON SUSTAINABLE, CLEAN ENERGY SOURCES. WE CAN BE THE LEADERS IN THIS TRANSFORMATION, AND WE CAN BE THE LEADERS IN INVENTING A NEW VISION TO MATCH THE SCALE AND SPEED OF THE GLOBAL WARMING THREAT. WE MUST COOPERATE MORE CLOSELY WITH THOSE WHO ARE BUILDING RESILIENT COMMUNITIES AND ECONOMIES FROM THE GROUND UP. LOCAL AND PETROLEUM-FREE FOOD PRODUCTION IS THE RAGE. SMALL SCALE ENERGY PRODUCERS ARE UP AND COMING AS ARE CAR-FREE URBAN CENTERS, RADICAL ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND JOB-CREATING GREEN BUILDING INITIATIVES, AND LAND CONSERVATION PROGRAMS TO CONNECT LOCAL FARMS WITH LOCAL ECONOMIES WHILE PROTECTING HABITATS FOR DIVERSE SPECIES. WE NEED A NEW PLAN AND LAST YEAR’S EMISSIONS DATA SUGGESTS IT MUST INVOLVE NEW THINKING ABOUT HOW TO GENERATE WORK, SECURITY, FOOD, AND ENERGY, INCREASINGLY AT THE LOCAL RATHER THAN GLOBAL LEVEL.

BILL McKIBBEN SAYS THAT WE ARE PART OF THE BIGGEST THING EVER FOR THE HUMAN RACE. IF HE IS RIGHT, IT IMPLIES THAT WE GET OUT OF OUR COMFORT ZONES AND CONSIDER IDEAS THAT UNTIL NOW HAVE SEEMED WACKY. WE NEED TO BE OPEN TO PEOPLE WHO DISAGREE WITH US AND UNDERSTAND THE FEARS OF THOSE WHO OPPOSE US. AND IF YOU STILL FEEL DESPONDENT, CONSIDER THAT SO MUCH IS IN BUD. I LOVE THIS POEM BY DENISE LEVERTOV AND HOPE YOU WILL TOO. THANKS FOR GIVING SO MUCH.

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT: BETSY TAYLOR

MESSAGE FROM THE CAMPAIGN DIRECTOR: LIZ BUTLER

IT IS SUCH AN HONOR TO TAKE OVER AS THE NEW CAMPAIGN DIRECTOR AFTER MY ESTEemed COLLEAGUE, GILLIAN CALDWELL. I CERTAINLY HAVE BIG SHOES TO FILL IN THE YEARS AHEAD. LOOKING BACK AT THE PAST YEAR, I AM SO PROUD OF HOW FAR 1SKY AND THE CLIMATE MOVEMENT HAVE COME. OUR MOVEMENT IS STRONGER, MORE ORGANIZED, AND BETTER TRAINED THAN EVER. WE ARE UNWAVERING IN OUR RESOLVE TO SECURE POLICY THAT WILL CREATE MILLIONS OF GREEN JOBS, PROTECT US FROM DIRTY ENERGY DISASTERS, KEEP THE CLEAN AIR ACT INTACT FOR ANOTHER YEAR, AND PUT US FIRMLY ON THE PATH TOWARD A CLEAN ENERGY ECONOMY. IN THE NEXT YEAR, WE WILL CONTINUE TO BUILD OUR MOVEMENT’S POWER BY TRAINING LEADERS, PUSHING OBAMA TO ACTION, AND TAKING ON DIRTY COAL.

NO ONE EVER SAID THAT CHANGING THE WORLD WAS EASY, BUT I KNOW THAT WE ARE ALL UP TO THE TASK. LET’S GET TO WORK!

IN PARTNERSHIP,

LIZ BUTLER
Creating change on the massive scale required to tackle the climate challenge necessitates a highly collaborative model; the environmental movement alone cannot deliver the success we need. Since 1Sky’s founding, we have brought powerful new voices into the climate movement and amplified the work of existing climate groups through our national field operations. By emphasizing aligned strategy and CEO-level coordination, we are able to work closely with our partners and allies to advance solutions to global climate change. Our strategy to accomplish these goals underscores leadership development and capacity building, in addition to cross-sector strategies to engage our allies in the climate debate.

To positively influence this defining moment in the climate change crisis, 1Sky is working to organize a collaborative movement that unites organizations and individuals with other leaders and communities around the country. 1Sky strives to enact national climate policy that: meets the global scientific consensus; unleashes the prosperity of a sustainable economy; and quickly moves us away from dirty fossil fuels such as coal and oil. With cutting-edge organizing, along with Internet, policy and communications support, we are amplifying the nation’s collective voice in a way that federal policy makers will unmistakably hear.

We also act as a resource clearinghouse for many organizations and individuals who want to engage in the movement, but need the information and on-ramps to become active leaders. To encourage active participation, 1Sky provides weekly policy updates, talking points, sample opinion editorial and letter to the editor drafts, as well as tool-kits for participation in national calls to action.

Over the past year, 1Sky’s movement and leadership building efforts have been vital to push forward the federal debate on climate and energy policy as well as to rally additional voices to pressure federal decision makers to take action. We are now the largest collaborative campaign on climate change in the U.S., with 643 organizational allies, more than 200,000 individuals on our e-list, and 4,200+ Climate Precinct Captains – our volunteer organizers who form the front lines of our grassroots efforts - working in nearly all of the 435 congressional districts nationwide and in all 50 states. 1Sky has a team of 33, including nine organizers both on-site and across the country and 13 regional coordinators, volunteer organizers receiving a modest stipend, who, with the organizers, are coordinating grassroots mobilization in 24 key states.

While other organizations have similar collaborative partnerships, 1Sky is the only coalition oriented, volunteer-based campaign on climate and energy policy and we have always been clear that we cannot place all our eggs in the federal legislative basket; we must preserve and advance the EPA’s ability to regulate coal, a leading source of global warming pollution. In addition, we have a deep, demonstrated emphasis on sustained political engagement through leadership development and grassroots movement building.

As we shaped the movement’s singularly focused advocacy to leverage our power and tackle fossil fuels, we have continued to build and demonstrate society-wide support directed at the Obama administration and Congress to ensure climate and energy solutions for our future. It will be nearly impossible to stop global climate change and create clean energy jobs through a transition to a clean, green economy if outdated coal-burning plants are not required to stop emitting pollution into our atmosphere. Through our work with allies and other partners, we have activated existing local, statewide, regional and national networks of individuals and organizations around climate solutions.

• Create 5 million green jobs and pathways out of poverty by rebuilding and refueling America with comprehensive energy efficiency mobilization including immediate investment in a clean-energy infrastructure.

• Reduce global warming pollution at least 35 percent below current levels by 2020, and at least 80 percent by 2050.

• Re-power America by imposing a moratorium on new coal plants that emit global warming pollution and replacing dirty fuels like coal and oil with 100 percent renewable energy.
Since our campaign launched in 2007, 1Sky has built a network of more than 200,000 activists, over 1,000 businesses, and more than 650 allied organizations that support the 1Sky Solutions. Coordinating the climate movement through widespread, effective calls to action, we unite the dispersed voices of the movement into a concentrated call for bold climate change policy. These include call-in days that target Senate offices, vigils to show our solidarity with climate activists around the globe, action rallies and public events and rallies to show the strength of our resolve.

Focusing on grassroots leaders and allied organizations who work on federal issues at the local level, 1Sky demonstrates the strength of our field operations through our strong coalition.

As a founding principle of 1Sky, we have developed working partnerships with a range of sectors including health, social justice, humanitarian, faith, state/regional and national greens, business, science, students and women’s groups. These organizational allies provide a high level of influence on policy makers, as many come from outside the environmental movement. In 2010, we deepened the engagement of our allies by leading the charge for federal policy through national calls to action, and encouraging more collaborative action and unity in our work as we strive to secure bold legislation.

1Sky has also built a network of core organizers who are strategically placed to build the leadership skills of our volunteers and to bolster the support of individuals and organizations in key regions across the country. Through this placement, our committed organizers have helped 1Sky actively recruit new volunteers to the campaign, mobilize allies and community members around calls to action, as well as directly impact decision makers by connecting in-district advocacy with 1Sky’s work on Capitol Hill.

Many of our newly recruited volunteers may not have previously been engaged in the environmental movement. Known as Climate Precinct Captains (CPCs), these volunteer organizers have quickly taken ownership of their region by organizing 1Sky calls to action and other visibility events. In addition, CPCs give us the vital capacity to organize in strategically important communities across the U.S. By maintaining open communication through emails and phone calls, we keep them closely connected to the campaign and deepen their involvement in the movement. In addition, CPCs receive Webinars, conference calls and weekly climate policy updates from our network that provide up-to-date information on the federal debate, legislative vehicles and 1Sky’s core strategy and activities.

This year, as a way to recognize and further develop our active CPCs, 1Sky created the Regional Coordinator program. This program allows our most committed volunteers to receive training from 1Sky as well as a modest stipend. Through the trainings on movement building and leadership development, they are able to effectively lead their metropolitan region and/or state on the campaign as well as become a general point person for media contacts, congressional offices and other important constituents in and around their hometown. In addition, the Regional Coordinators are working with the volunteers in their region to build a stronger network of trained leaders and impact decision makers on climate related issues.

1Sky has also worked to bring the influential voice of businesses into our organizing on climate change. They are particularly important allies because businesses in favor of strong climate policies are a sharp counterpoint to the mistaken, yet pervasive idea that solving climate change is bad for business in America. 1Sky’s organizers and volunteers have reached out to more than 1,000 small to medium sized businesses across America and engaged them in the national climate policy dialogue.

To add value to the focused and coordinated movement we are working to strengthen, 1Sky has developed an integrated team of individuals at our headquarters who provide information and materials to our activists, organizations, businesses, and supporters across the nation. We use our cutting edge Internet team to engage our volunteers, organizations, and volunteers at a higher level as well as provide these supporters with easy to use materials to effectively organize their regions. We have also incorporated social media to highlight the work of the 1Sky network and our partners across the U.S. Additionally, our policy team sends out weekly policy updates to campaign allies and volunteers. Through our commitment to comprehensive information and an easy on ramp for newly involved activists and organizations, 1Sky is helping to not only build the movement, but to build our network of active, trained and informed citizens and organizational partners. By providing our activists, allies and other partners with the information they need to effectively participate in actions across the nation, our policy team has the collateral they need through images and stories from the actions to translate our work on the ground to pressure policy makers on Capitol Hill to understand the growing need for solutions to our climate crisis.

Thank you for making it easy and possible for people to let their voice and vote be counted. I am grateful and thankful for all you do and continue to do for world peace and Mother Earth.

— MARYANNE H. PATLAK, 1SKY SUPPORTER
MIAMI MEACH, FL

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FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF OUR ALLIES, PLEASE SEE PAGE 33

LEVERAGING THE VOICES OF THE CLIMATE MOVEMENT: The 1Sky Campaign In Action
OCTOBER 2009: Joining together to demand action

In October 2009, climate activists had just finished welcoming their senators back for the fall congressional session and were ready for them to take action on climate legislation. So, to demonstrate to our leaders that we wanted to see change, now, we mobilized our national network, from October 1 to 3, to hold house parties. These parties provided groups of concerned citizens with the opportunity to expand their personal networks, to discuss recent climate policy developments, and to take action by flooding their Senate offices with calls supporting bold climate and energy policy. In all, there were 119 house parties in 35 states that generated 75 handwritten letters to senators and more than 1,000 documented calls to Senate offices.

Then on October 24, 2009, 1Sky partnered with 350.org, as well as other partners, to organize an International Day of Climate Action. The mission to focus the world on bringing the atmospheric level of carbon dioxide back to 350ppm (parts per million), the level scientists deem safe to continue to live on this planet, brought people from more than 180 countries together to demand a commitment of cutting carbon until we reach our goal. It was a critical time to show decision makers and allies around the world that we have a growing movement of people who are concerned about our future, and we succeeded with a total of more than 4,600 events in 177 countries around the world.

With chants like “Rain or shine, all the time, we got 350 on our minds!” and “What do we want? 350! When do we want it? NOW!” most likely anyone near 16th Street NW, Washington, D.C. on Saturday, October 24, heard the cries of hundreds of climate activists marching south toward the White House. The torrential rain was only a petty distraction for most marchers, soggy shoes being a small price to pay for the chance to help show President Obama and the rest of the world the importance of saving the planet from catastrophic climate change.

The event, a part of 350.org’s International Day of Climate Action, was organized by the Chesapeake Climate Action Network and Hip Hop Caucus. At 3 p.m. banner-toting attendees marched from the top of Meridian Hill Park in D.C. straight to Lafayette Park directly in front of the White House, where a large rally and more chanting followed. But this only constituted the second half of the event.

From 12 p.m. -3 p.m., many local artists and speakers graced the zero-impact stage placed atop Meridian Hill Park with insightful jams about the state of our planet and powerful speeches aimed to motivate people into action. Among the speakers and artists were the Reverend Lennox Yearwood of Hip Hop Caucus, the Young Women's Drumming Empowerment Project, Mike Tidwell of the Chesapeake Climate Action Network, and 1Sky's own Liz Butler.

Attendees ranged from youth climate activists to families to anyone else curious about the growing climate change movement. Various environmental organizations and progressive groups set up tables with informational pamphlets and friendly faces to chat with. Many photographers and videographers roamed the rally, equally eager to capture the spirit and excitement of the day.

— STEFANIE ZAENKER, 1SKY FELLOW, FALL 2009 AND SPRING 2010

NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2009: Building a stronger network to influence the president

As the December Copenhagen International Climate Negotiations approached, President Obama had still not committed to attending. If he chose not to attend, it could have signified that the U.S. was turning its back on support for international climate policy. In addition, it would mean our chance for a binding global climate deal would escape us before the conference even started. 1Sky and partner organizations were determined not to allow that to happen.

To pressure the president, 1Sky collaborated with the Energy Action Coalition and other partners to roll out a strategy to support President Obama’s strong stance on climate and energy policy, and push him to attend the Copenhagen climate negotiations. We called out to the president through concentrated actions and a robust media push that generated a full-page ad in the New York Times, opinion pieces, letters to the

WHAT WAS COP 15?

The 2009 United Nations Climate Change Conference, commonly known as the Copenhagen Summit (COP15), was held in Copenhagen, Denmark, between December 7-18. This conference was convened to create a binding international treaty to regulate CO2 emissions around the world. While a treaty was drafted by the end of the conference on December 18, it was not even adopted by the five nations that created it, including the U.S., China, India, Brazil and South Africa. However, the document did recognize that climate change is one of the greatest challenges of the present day and that actions should be taken to monitor and keep temperature increases below 2°C. Unfortunately the document is not legally binding and was not enacted to reduce CO2 emissions, in addition, many developing countries and non-governmental human rights and environmental organizations were opposed to the agreement.

1Sky’s network of citizen organizers, Climate Precinct Captains, helped create many of the events in the U.S. for the day of action. Overall, our network organized 222 actions in 46 states as part of the October 24 event which mobilized our members to magnify attention on the current scientific targets for pollution reduction, and pressured President Obama on the need for bold, comprehensive climate policy.

ANDREA CUCCARO, (center) 1Sky Florida Organizer, rallied people together for the Oct. 24 day of action to show decision makers we have a strong coalition of support around the world.

CNN called the October 24th day of action “the most widespread day of political action in the planet’s history on any issue.”
In December 2009, I had the great privilege of traveling through eastern North Carolina with Majora Carter on a series of workshops titled “Your Place in the New Economy.” This was put on by the Elizabeth City State University Center for Green Research and Evaluation, which is partnering with the Majora Carter Group to craft a plan for developing a green economy in Eastern NC. The three workshops were held in Elizabeth City, Tarboro and Henderson, NC and were an opportunity to bring a message of economic recovery through green jobs to the people who need it most.

Eastern North Carolina is one of the most impoverished areas in the country and for years has dealt with industries packing up and taking their jobs overseas but leaving a legacy of environmental devastation behind. Adding to that are some outrageous utility and energy costs—families have seen their rates rise 35 percent in the last two years and, in some cases, are forced to make decisions between paying their utility bills and feeding their families.

The tour was focused on showing this community that “green” wasn’t all about polar bears and spotted owls; instead we were talking about the green that you can put in your wallet. In fact, one area of the green economy that really caught on was energy efficiency. What many people are now calling “weatherization” is simply making your home or business more efficient so that it wastes less energy. This not only saves people money by lowering utility bills, but also puts people to work as energy auditors, weatherization technicians and crew leaders.

We also stressed the need for bold federal action on clean energy jobs legislation. While the jobs that have been created in North Carolina through the policies of President Obama’s stimulus plan are great and necessary, what we need is a long term and far-reaching investment in clean energy and green jobs that will create hundreds of thousands of new green jobs here in North Carolina and up to five million new green jobs nationwide.

The tour was a great opportunity to take the message and the theme of the 1Sky Campaign out of the realm of the merely theoretical and into developing and implementing practical solutions for a struggling community.

— CHRISTOPHER GIANINO, NORTH CAROLINA CONSERVATION NETWORK & 1SKY NORTH CAROLINA ORGANIZER

In December, 1Sky worked with our leaders to host and attend “art gatherings” where activists, schoolchildren, families and neighbors came together to create art pieces, banners and large murals reporting on the urgency of the climate crisis. The 1Sky campaign organized 201 art party gatherings in all 50 states, plus the District of Columbia. Afterwards, hosts sent the artwork to our central office for a White House rally on December 4, the eve of the Copenhagen negotiations. Later, we delivered them to legislators—many of the art pieces created by 1Sky supporters still hang in the cubicles of congressional climate staffers, reminding them of the committed activists in their states and districts. In coordination with our D.C. rally, we held 30 events and rallies across the country, with the help of 15 allied and partner organizations on the eve of the climate talks in Copenhagen.

DECEMBER 7-18, 2009: NOW IS THE TIME FOR A GLOBAL BINDING AGREEMENT

The world had great expectations for the Copenhagen climate talks coming into December 2009. For many, COP 15 was seen as not only a perfect chance to make progress on climate change globally, but also as a forum where developed nations, such as the U.S., could commit to substantial reduction targets and to finance international adaptation plans. The world waited on bated breath to see if the nations of the world would come together and agree on a binding plan of action for climate change that would stave off the worst effects, and prevent us from reaching tipping points that would lead to runaway greenhouse warming.

Throughout the conference, 1Sky’s priority was to not only keep lines of communication open about the ongoing developments during the negotiations to Americans and other partners worldwide, but also to find and seize critical moments by taking part in actions in Copenhagen, as well as organizing actions at home. Through our focused organizing and communications, we were able to organize many rapid-response actions to ensure our world leaders knew we were watching them very closely.

The Roosevelt Institute Campus Network is proud to support 1Sky in its December 4 day of action in Washington, D.C. Millennials have a special stake in the health of the environment and the success of the green collar sector, and it is time for young people to stand up for real, multilateral, energy and environmental policy change in the weeks preceding the Copenhagen talks. Young people in the U.S. have the wonderful capacity to place significant political pressure on American policy decisions, and we at the Roosevelt Institute are confident that the December 4 demonstrations, skillfully coordinated by 1Sky and our valued progressive colleagues in Washington, will show to the international community that young Americans are serious about progressive policy reform in 2010 and beyond.

— DAVID WEINBERGER OF ROOSEVELT INSTITUTION, A 1SKY ALLY, PRIOR TO THE MAKE ART FOR CLIMATE ACTION AT THE WHITE HOUSE ON DECEMBER 4TH, 2009

1SKY NORTH CAROLINA ORGANIZER in colorado.
On December 12, 1Sky joined 350.org, the Tck Tck Tck campaign, and allies, such as Oxfam and many others, on an international “Weekend of Action.” The 1Sky network organized candlelight vigils calling for a “survival pact” by the developed world to cut emissions enough to get the atmospheric concentration of CO2 back to safe levels. Joining thousands of individuals worldwide, 1,251 1Sky climate activists signed up to push world leaders to commit to climate change solutions. With the help of 1Sky and our many close allies including, of course, the 350 team itself, 350 parts per million became a central discussion point at Copenhagen, despite the previously unambitious climate goals of many of the international negotiators. Unfortunately the negotiations did not result in a binding treaty. As the conference came to a close, 138 countries were ready to engage in an accord, but unfortunately no agreement was made.

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It was cold, it was raining, it was windy (we all struggled to share our flames and keep our candles lit - which actually added enormously to our sense of “community”), and it was GREAT. What can’t be denied is the true sincerity and commitment of all who attended. Congratulations to 1Sky and to our local organizer, Daniel K. — 1SKY ACTIVIST RICH BRENNAN AFTER ATTENDING A CANDLELIGHT VIGIL IN OAK PARK, ILLINOIS AFTER DECEMBER’S COPENHAGEN NEGOTIATIONS DIDN’T PRODUCE AN INTERNATIONAL CLIMATE TREATY


Gillian’s blog postings from the Copenhagen conference can be seen here: www.1Sky.org/cop.

During the Copenhagen negotiations, 1Sky and our partners held candlelight vigils. This was a vigil held in San Antonio, TX by 1Sky Climate Precinct Captain, Mobi Warren.

JANUARY 2010: CALLING FOR CLEAN AIR ACT PROTECTION

In January, 1Sky quickly had to switch gears and defend the EPA’s authority to regulate carbon dioxide emissions under the Clean Air Act.

In 2007, under President Bush’s administration, the Supreme Court ruled that global warming pollution poses a threat to public health and welfare, and ordered the EPA to regulate greenhouse gases under the Clean Air Act. However, in January 2010, Senator Lisa Murkowski (R-AK) worked with oil and coal industry lobbyists to author provisions that would block new Clean Air Act rules being written by the Obama Administration’s EPA. To combat the legislative attacks, 1Sky convened a national call-in day on January 12, 2010 to protect the Clean Air Act. Through the 1Sky network and our allies, 3,684 calls were made to U.S. Senate offices demanding that senators protect the Clean Air Act.

February 2010: CLIMATE ACTION CAN’T WAIT UNTIL RECESS IS OVER

A month later, over the Presidents’ Day holiday in February 2010, 1Sky supporters, organizers and allies didn’t let their elected officials take a break from thinking about climate change issues. Activists and business representatives showed up at town hall meetings and held press conferences to confront the ringleaders behind the congressional attacks on the Clean Air Act as well as members of Congress across the country on the lack of movement on a climate bill. 1Sky volunteers, organizers and allies planned events to deliver the message loud and clear: Americans (and voters!) want bold climate policy to curb carbon emissions and transition to a clean energy future, and are opposed to Senator Lisa Murkowski’s (R-AK) efforts to gut the Clean Air Act, which we coined the “The Dirty Air Act.”

FEBRUARY TO MARCH 2010:
Keep the phones ringing

Jesse Worker, our Clean Water Action and 1Sky organizer in Michigan attended Senator Levin’s events in Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo, and Michigan State University on behalf of 1Sky to ask crucial questions about the senator’s stance on comprehensive climate and energy legislation, and to voice support for maintaining the Clean Air Act. In addition, 1Sky volunteer, Mark Miller, went to the Kalamazoo Regional Chamber of Commerce legislative forum to also ask Senator Levin about his support for climate legislation, given that studies show it would result in a net increase in jobs in Michigan.

http://www.1sky.org/Levin-blog

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1Sky's network organized 55 actions in 26 states with over 600 participants. These actions included office visits, Hill drops, rallies, public events, ‘town hall’ meetings and more. In addition, they generated 21 press hits, six published letters to the editor, and three published opinion pieces nationwide which helped to generate the strong support needed to influence decision makers to protect the Clean Air Act.

**MARCH 2010: CALLING ON OUR SENATORS FOR A CLEAN ENERGY FUTURE**

From March 2-4, we partnered with a dozen other national climate organizations, including U.S. Climate Action Network, Environmental Defense Action Fund, Sierra Club, League of Conservation Voters, Earth Justice, and Clean Energy Works, to bring together more than 300,000 Americans to call federal policy makers and demand a clean energy future in the “72 Hours for Clean American Power” action. We asked individuals nationwide to keep the pressure on their state senators by calling in to let them know that there is an active and informed citizenry who support keeping the Clean Air Act intact; prioritizing federal climate and energy policy; and investing in clean, renewable energy sources and energy efficiency programs to jump-start the economy.

We worked for months with allies and Senate staff to obtain a meeting with Senator Kay Hagan and eventually the persistence paid off. We coordinated the in-person meeting with Sen. Hagan and our North Carolina allies during the February President’s Day Recess. In this meeting, she stated her opposition to Sen. Murkowski’s efforts for the first time. Shortly after the meeting she signed on to a letter calling for climate action this year. This letter was her first public support of comprehensive climate and energy legislation.

— VERONICA BUTCHER SHINGLETON OF NORTH CAROLINA CONSERVATION NETWORK AND 1SKY ORGANIZER FOR NORTH CAROLINA

In the middle of a stormy Oregon day, I was joined by volunteers from Environment Oregon and the Sierra Student Coalition, as we “stormed” Congressman Kurt Schrader’s office outfitted in rain gear and umbrellas, to deliver a “special care package” as part of a national effort to bring attention to the negative effects of climate change. We went to thank Oregon’s Congressman for his tough vote last spring and also urge him to oppose the “dirty air acts” blowing around Congress.

Congressman Schrader’s staff was very gracious and I was able to explain the contents of our “climate change care package.” We filled a basket with all of the things Congressman Schrader might need if Congress doesn’t act on climate change – and fast! Included in the basket was a bottle of Oregon Pinot Noir (which could become Washington Pinot Noir), a snow globe to remind him of what Oregon mountains looked like with snow on them, a rain slicker to protect him from the increase of heavy storms, and smoked salmon (our salmon runs are already shrinking and could be severely affected by even a one or two degree difference in water temperature). All that went along with a thank you card signed by local chapters of the National Wildlife Federation, Ecumenical Ministries, Climate Solutions, Trout Unlimited, Sierra Student Coalition, Oregon Environmental Council, and 1Sky, that thanked him for his vote on the House climate bill and urged him to think about what Oregon stands to lose and please support a comprehensive climate change bill and oppose any “dirty air acts.”

After months of defending the Clean Air Act, frustrated members of the 1Sky network and our allies decided to turn up the heat. We were worried that our numerous calls in days had not produced enough pressure on decision makers, so we took our message directly to congressional offices in surprise meetings and rallies where constituents flooded the offices unannounced. We called these impromptu actions “The Storm.”

From the month of March, through Earth Day 2010 on April 22, 1Sky organizers, volunteers and allies worked together to ‘storm’ 37 Senate and House district offices to demand that members of Congress stand with concerned citizens in their state and publicly pledge to defend the Clean Air Act from legislative attacks.

Serving as an umbrella for our existing campaign efforts, participating organizations and volunteer groups infused “The Storm” with their own messaging calling for federal climate and clean energy legislation or highlighting local clean energy solutions. These diverse efforts unified us with the top-line message that the climate movement will not tolerate attacks on the Clean Air Act, one of our best tools to lower carbon emissions in the U.S. 1Sky partnered with national allies MoveOn, the Sierra Club, Repower America and many others to successfully bring “The Storm” to Congress.

For more about the action, check out Gillian Caldwell’s blog on Huffington Post: The Climate Movement Heeds the Call, http://www.1sky.org/Gillian-blog

In Little Rock, AR, 1Sky organizer Ryan Denhur, organized a ‘storm’ of the offices of Senators Blanche Lincoln and Mark Pryor urging them to publicly defend the Clean Air Act from attacks.

We were able to spend a half hour with Jon Pugsley, Congressman Schrader’s aide, talking about the various issues going on now around climate change, and left feeling like we were listened to and that our opinions mattered. I can still remember checking in with Congressman Schrader’s office almost hourly before the climate bill vote to find out if we had the Congressman’s support. He represents a very conservative district, which made him voting the right way in the end all the more significant. I hope activities like “The Storm” will show Oregon’s delegation, as well as the rest of the country, that there is strong support for comprehensive climate change legislation – in fact, our way of life depends on it.

— JAMIE HOGUE OF CLIMATE SOLUTIONS AND 1SKY CO-LOCATED ORGANIZER IN OREGON
As we stormed representatives’ offices, 1Sky made a clear impact on a couple key decision makers, including Rep. Shauer of Michigan (D-MI). After “storming” his office, his chief of staff met with Michigan activists, and on record committed to opposing all legislative attacks on the Clean Air Act in the House. Similarly, a CPC-run action in Rep. Kirk’s (R-IL) district elicited a response on the Hill to our policy team that Rep. Kirk was, in fact, opposed to gutting the Clean Air Act. Kirk’s staff mentioned this was the only significant grassroots action they had seen in favor of preserving the Clean Air Act, and that the Storm gave them some negotiating power with the representative. Lastly, and perhaps the most significant victory, as a result of the Storm actions, Senator Michael Bennet from Colorado spoke publicly in support of the Clean Air Act— with media comments selected by the New York Times and other major news syndicates.

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By spotlighting local dirty energy, 1Sky organizers, allies and volunteers put direct pressure on key states. After completing the action, we compiled all the photos, from both the BP Photo Petition and the Dirty Energy Hunt, and then met with White House and administration officials to put a local face on the federal issue of dirty energy and advocate for climate and energy policy.

**MAY 2010: What does dirty energy look like?**

**BUILDING THE BASE**

The Regional Coordinator summit was a really powerful moment for us. 1Sky volunteers from all over the country got to proudly sit down face to face with the policy experts advising lawmakers on Capitol Hill. We organized 36 meetings beforehand; printed out press clips and pictures from events they themselves had organized, and gave them pointers on how to interact with congressional staff. Our strategy moving forward was to help the Regional Coordinators build lasting relationships with the staff on the Hill, so they weren’t just hearing from us here in D.C.

— JASON KOWALSKI, 1SKY POLICY STAFF

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1Sky activists in Boston, MA rallied outside district offices urging decision makers to stand with their constituents and defend the Clean Air Act.

More than 20 people gathered outside NH Senator Judd Gregg’s office to urge him to defend the Clean Air Act. This ‘storm’ was organized by 1Sky Regional Coordinator, Elaine Bello.

In Albany, NY, 1Sky Regional Coordinator Ryan Lennon rallied constituents to ‘storm’ the offices of Senators Gillibrand and Schumer, and ask them to publicly defend the Clean Air Act.

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In June, 1Sky’s efforts shifted from broad support of the Clean Air Act to specifically targeting key decision makers on the Murkowski Resolution vote. Coming in the middle of the worst oil spill in our nation’s history, if passed, this resolution would have prevented the EPA from regulating the biggest polluters in our nation.

To combat the pending vote, 1Sky supporters and our policy team quickly distributed results from our most recent actions, the Storms and the Dirty Energy Hunt, to defend the Clean Air Act as well as to combat the oil industry amidst oil spilling into the Gulf.

On Thursday, June 10, 2010, 1Sky and our network of organizers, allies and volunteers worked tirelessly to support our senators as they narrowly defeated this resolution in a 53-47 victory. Because the resolution was barely defeated, additional Dirty Air Acts were moving through the House, and the Senate climate bill was falling apart, 1Sky did a number of accountability actions to support the climate bill and ensure the Dirty Air Acts didn’t make it to a vote. These actions included “Oily Bird Awards,” stuffed flamingos covered in oily looking brown paint, which were created and delivered by 1Sky staff and volunteers to five district offices including: Sen. Lincoln of AR, Sen. Brown of MA, Sen. Gregg of NH and Senators Collins and Snowe of ME.

Yesterday afternoon, some volunteers from Massachusetts and 1Sky interns walked into Senator Scott Brown’s (R-MA) D.C. office armed with a stuffed flamingo covered in what looked like oil. The look on the staffer’s face shifted from amusement to dismay as we presented her with this “Oily Bird Award” to condemn Senator Brown for voting in favor of the Murkowski resolution, which would have gutted the Clean Air Act and increased our dependence on dirty fossil fuels like coal and oil.

After the initial shock of receiving this unusual gift diminished, we engaged the legislative aide in a conversation about clean energy and climate policy. Led by our fearless Massachusetts regional coordinator Geneva Boyer, we talked about how Senator Brown’s vote for the Murkowski resolution was a step backwards, a vote for Dirty Coal and Big Oil and against the interests of the people of Massachusetts and the environment. We also talked about how the Senate urgently needs to pass a bill that addresses our climate crisis as well as our energy needs and the oil spill.

Unfortunately, Senator Brown’s staff only seemed interested in discussing the oil spill prevention and response bill that the Senator introduced with Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-CA), and did not indicate that he will take action to help move a climate bill through the Senate.

— Amy Plovnick, 1Sky Summer 2010 Intern
I see hasty decisions, I see economic decline, I see companies buying the future — my future — and I see the horrible effects of our addiction on oil spilling across the Gulf of Mexico. I don’t want that. I want to be able to live my life on a planet where decisions are based on good, not gold; where our economy thrives on sustainable practices, rather than wasteful infinite growth for temporary profit; where the lives of people are more important than the lives of corporate names; and where I can feel safe from the catastrophic consequences of our dependence on oil.

— 16 YEAR OLD AKILAH SANDERS-REED, 1SKY REGIONAL COORDINATOR IN NEW MEXICO

JUNE 26, 2010: JOINING HANDS AROUND THE WORLD

In a unified response to uninhibited oil gushing from the BP Deepwater Horizon oil rig in the Gulf of Mexico, 1Sky joined a worldwide effort to sponsor “Hands Across the Sand” on Saturday, June 26th at 11 a.m. Around the world, groups of people gathered at beaches and prominent locations in their communities to symbolize the need to protect our fragile coastal areas and end our dangerous fossil fuel addiction.

On the two month anniversary of the spill, 1Sky participated in the largest grassroots action since the spill began with more than 57 events nationwide and drew in other individuals and community members, bringing the message that as long as fossil fuels are our main source of energy, this kind of disaster is not an anomaly. Afterwards, the 1Sky policy team worked with our allies, volunteers and organizers to compile photos and media from across the U.S. to deliver to 36 offices on Capitol Hill to let policy makers know that U.S. citizens want to make the switch to a clean energy economy.

“"It’s not just the nerds or the granola people anymore...hotel associations. Moms. Everyone’s interested in protecting our future.

— ANDREA CUCCARO OF SOUTHERN ALLIANCE FOR CLEAN ENERGY AND 1SKY ORGANIZER FOR FLORIDA, IN RESPONSE TO HANDS ACROSS THE SAND TURNOUT FROM NOT ONLY ACROSS THE U.S., BUT AROUND THE WORLD.

""Though the U.S. Senate failed to seize the opportunity presented by these crises to pass climate and clean energy legislation this year, and failed even to pass legislation that would have prevented future catastrophic spills and provided fair compensation to victims of such spills, we must not lose hope nor abandon this fight. If we give up, throw our hands in the air and concede defeat, then big oil and dirty coal wins, the status quo wins, and the environment loses.

Instead, we must take our sadness and anger and channel it into something powerful — into building a movement that is in it for the long haul, capable of fighting to win until the very end. No social justice victory has ever been won in days, or weeks, or even years; the path will be long, and I guarantee it will get harder before it gets easier, but if we stand together, united behind a common purpose, unwavering in our commitment, we will win.

"“Together, we must create a clean energy revolution. I look forward to working with our talented and passionate activists this year to build a movement like no other. We will educate, we will activate, and we will mobilize. And together, we will win!

— LAUREN SCHUSTER OF NYPiRG AND 1SKY NEW YORK ORGANIZER

JULY 2010: Mapping out the green economy

As we transitioned out of the Dirty Energy Hunt action efforts and determined how to move forward after the too close Murkowski Resolution vote, we also continued to endure the unending horror of the Gulf of Mexico oil spill. In response, 1Sky asked activists, organizers, businesses, allies and volunteers nationwide to identify green businesses and individuals working in the green energy economy in their surrounding communities. Calling the action the “Green Jobs Hunt,” 1Sky organizers and volunteers worked to find “success stories” of local businesses or building blocks of the green economy in their communities to educate and influence their local decision makers. As the mid-term elections began to draw closer, 1Sky wanted to ensure that as jobs were a critical issue, green jobs were highlighted as a viable option at the state level.

"“With the transition to a clean energy economy, the U.S. can accelerate the economic recovery by opening roads to private investment and putting hundreds of thousands of Americans back to work. Building a new smart grid, upgrading aging transmission lines, extensive research in biofuels, solar, and battery technology will create well-paying jobs for construction workers, machinery operators, engineers, technicians, project managers and all the indirect jobs needed to support these industries.

— ED TORIBIO, OWNER OF HOME ENERGY ALTERNATIVES IN NEBRASKA AND MEMBER OF 1SKY’S CLEAN ENERGY BUSINESS NETWORK

AUGUST 2010: The critical window of opportunity

When elected officials left the District during the August congressional recess, 1Sky supporters and allies were ready to ask the hard-hitting climate and energy questions necessary to ensure these targets understood the importance of the climate crisis. 1Sky organizers worked with Climate Precinct Captains, allies and Regional Coordinators to set up shadowing events for senators and/or representatives at town hall meetings, public appearances and fundraisers to show elected officials that we have the network of support to mobilize voters around climate policy. As part of these efforts, we worked with partners including the Center for Biological Diversity, Greenpeace, 350.org and Energy Action Coalition which helped to generate national media attention about the critical work the climate movement is doing to hold elected officials accountable around the need for strong action on climate and clean energy.
I had never organized something like this before, so it was an interesting learning experience. And, hey, it was even kind of fun! My advice to anyone out there who hasn’t organized much before but is thinking about it would definitely be “go for it!” I’m kind of a shy person, but after the tragedy in the Gulf and a year of Senate inaction, I felt like I had to do something beyond the usual emails and phone calls. It was gratifying to connect with others in my community who shared my concern and to be able to do something together to send a message.

— GREG KIMBER, 1SKY CLIMATE PRECINCT CAPTAIN, ME, AFTER ORGANIZING A SHADOWING EVENT IN AUGUST

During the month of September, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) held hearings in seven cities about coal ash regulations. Coal ash is the by-product of coal power plants, the largest source of greenhouse gas emissions in the country, and contains toxic chemicals such as arsenic, mercury and lead that can poison the water supplies of entire communities and are known to cause birth defects and premature deaths. With the help of the 1Sky network, and many of our partners such as the Sierra Club, the hearings were overflowing with leaders and business representatives ready to comment on the two proposals the EPA put forth. The proposals included: the regulation of coal ash merely as solid waste, enforceable only through citizen suits and requiring no state regulation; and a more stringent regulation as “special waste” which would allow EPA to regulate and enforce rules.

Many of the hearings brought out strong emotions from families and community members where coal production is a leading employer. With strong turnouts among volunteers, organizers, allies and other supporters, 1Sky helped to ensure the voices of the communities were loud and clear in support of the EPA regulations. This was one of the first opportunities the movement has had to speak out directly in opposition to these harmful practices and go head to head with industry representatives.

On September 28th, at least 30 1Sky volunteers joined hundreds more in attending the EPA’s coal ash hearing at the Seelbach Hotel in Louisville, KY. Working with a dozen allies on logistics for the event, I helped arrange transportation, and buses from Indiana, Ohio, and Kentucky brought in activists—many of whom were residents living near coal ash dumps—to give eloquent testimonies about the toxic effects of coal ash on their health and communities. Others, including experts in public health, presented scientific evidence to support reclassification of coal ash as hazardous waste. Anti-coal activists far outnumbered coal ash defenders, and in the afternoon, we held a public rally headlined by Kentucky author Wendell Berry and Jim James from the band, My Morning Jacket, before marching down Fourth Street to protest in front of the Louisville Gas & Electric/Eon building. After returning to the Seelbach Hotel, dozens more signed up to testify, and a roomful of activists from 1Sky, Sierra Club, Kentuckians for the Commonwealth, and other organizations loudly cheered them on throughout the rest of the night.

— JOY FUTRELL, 1SKY ORGANIZER FOR OHIO, INDIANA, WEST VIRGINIA, AND KENTUCKY
Even though the Senate failed to pass the climate and energy legislation we so desperately needed, we have not stopped fighting for our future. As we moved into a new year, 1Sky participated in a number of actions with some of our close partners. From September 21 - 25, 2010, 1Sky was a partner in the Climate Ride down the coast of Northern California. The ride began in 2008, when two women started a five-day bike ride from New York to Washington, D.C. to raise money and awareness about climate and clean energy groups. Climate Ride has now grown into a bi-annual action with hundreds of riders. This year, 1Sky was chosen as a beneficiary and one of our staff members had the opportunity to take part in the ride down the coast of Northern California.

Then on September 30, the voices of Appalachian communities devastated by mountaintop removal coal mining reverberated through the streets of Washington, D.C. with incredible power. Marking the culmination of the Appalachia Rising mobilization, hundreds of people converged on Freedom Plaza near the White House for a rally and march calling for an end to the horrible practice of mountain top removal. 1Sky worked with partner organizations to bring additional support to the rally to ensure a strong stance against mountain top removal in the Appalachian region.

In the next year, 1Sky is more ready than ever to continue to fight for the clean energy future we all deserve. We’re going to tackle coal, make sure Obama leads on climate, and build a movement that cannot be stopped.

The enthusiasm that the Climate Riders showed for integrating advocacy into the ride was unexpected. The day after my talk on the climate movement - during Climate Ride - we were planning to make calls into Congress about the ride. That afternoon I could barely keep up with people coming up to me to do what is a pretty high level action. The fact that some were even on a planning to make calls into Congress about the ride. That afternoon I could barely keep up with people coming up to me to do what is a pretty high level action. The fact that some were even on a

— ALEX BEA, 1SKY STAFF

September 9, 2010: Nowhere is safe from the impacts of climate change. As I write this, massive wildfires – the worst in Colorado’s history – are burning down forests and homes on the mountains nearby and the smoke has inundated us for the last three days. Members of federal “Type 1” incident management team – the same level that responded to Katrina – are arriving today. Could this event have anything to do with climate change? According to local reports, winds pushed the fire through three canyons where pine trees have been left prone to fire by disease, drought and pine beetles. Pine beetles have killed more than 3.5 million acres of trees in Colorado and southeastern Wyoming, and are known to have become an epidemic due to warmer winters that allow more to survive and speed up their reproductive cycle.

We see similar patterns around the world – increased incidence of wild fires, droughts, floods and major storms. While it’s difficult to say that any one extreme event is directly caused by global warming, they are steadily on the rise, in unfortunate sync with scientists’ predictions of a warmer world.

And still, the power of money and lobbyists from the fossil fuel-based industry is all too apparent. Even with the recent oil spills once again devastating the Gulf Coast and the impacts of climate change all too clear, our leaders in the Senate are finding it difficult to muster up courage to fight for the legislation needed to put a cost on emitting carbon and help transition us to a clean energy economy.

Our job is to never give up. The only thing powerful enough to overcome the influence of big oil and dirty coal is people power. In Colorado, we’re currently in the fortunate position of having two senators, Mark Udall and Michael Bennett, who ‘get it.’ Their wives are committed environmentalists, and the senators have made commitments to protect the Clean Air Act and work for climate and clean energy solutions. 1Sky volunteers and allies in Colorado have had a lot of fun this year, storming our senators’ offices, shadowing them around the state when they’re in district, thanking them publicly and generating hundreds of calls and letters urging them to champion the efforts to pass climate and clean energy legislation.

None of us can afford to rest on our laurels when we’re in the fight of our lives. Thanks to all of you around the Nation who are doing what you can for this movement!

— MICAH PARKIN, 1SKY ORGANIZER FOR COLORADO, ARIZONA, NEVADA, AND NEW MEXICO

Through your generous support we can continue to build a strong grassroots movement of educated and trained leaders to pressure legislators and build the message for the need for climate and energy policy. Please donate now at www.1Sky.org/donate. For questions about giving, please contact the development team at giving@1sky.org.

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