



1Sky Guide: Welcoming the new Congress and President November 18, 2008

Thank you for signing up to welcome the new Congress and President! Regardless of who wins the election on November 4, we will have our work cut out for us to ensure that the 111th Congress and the President-elect enact bold climate solutions in 2009. As voters and constituents, it is critical that we stand together immediately after the election to hold our elected officials accountable and call for leadership.

With a key round of international climate talks coming up in Poland in December, we have a unique window of opportunity for action. On November 18, two weeks after the election, get together with a few friends to visit your local Congressional or campaign office and deliver a creative welcome card calling for bold climate action to your elected officials (we'll send you the card in the mail). This is a fun and easy way to get your politicians' attention and have an even greater impact post-election. Welcome them to office, but make it clear that they work for *you*, and that you want them to enact bold climate solutions, because millions of voters are demanding it.

Use the short guide below to plan your office visit, and if you have any questions, please contact congress@1sky.org. We look forward to taking action with you!

Before Your Visit

1. GET YOUR MEMBER'S INFORMATION

Find out who your members of Congress are and get the address and phone number of your local Congressional office at <http://www.congressmerge.com/onlinedb/index.htm>. If your member of Congress has just been elected for the first time, he/she may not have a district office yet – check his/her campaign website to get the address of a local campaign office.

2. RECRUIT YOUR COMMUNITY

Recruit your family, friends and other interested individuals to visit the office with you! Showing up in numbers is a great way to convey the power of the climate movement.

3. PICK A TIME

Pick a time during business hours on November 18 that works for you and your group to visit

your local Congressional or campaign office. We're encouraging as many visits on November 18 as possible, but you can certainly pick another date if that doesn't work for you.

Visiting the Office

1. JUST SHOW UP

When you arrive at your local Congressional or campaign office, tell the staff that you are a constituent concerned about global warming and that you'd like to deliver a card to your Representative or Senator. See if you can get a short impromptu meeting with a staffer. If you're lucky your member might even be available!

2. SAY THANK YOU

Thank the staffer or your member for taking the time to speak with you. This is important for relationship-building!

3. INVOKE THE MOVEMENT

Use the messaging from the welcome card to tell your Congressional office that millions of people nationwide are calling for bold action on climate, and that your elected officials must make this issue a top priority.

4. HAND OVER THE CARD

Be sure to leave the card and your contact information with the staffer and thank him/her again for talking to you. Also be sure to take the staffer's contact information so you can create an ongoing relationship.

After Your Visit

1. TELL US HOW IT WENT

Send a short email to congress@1sky.org telling us which office you visited and how it went! If you get the chance to take a picture during the visit email it to us as well.

2. FOLLOW UP

Call the office a few days after your visit to touch base and thank them again. Keeping the relationship going will build your power and lay the groundwork for future conversation and action. Make sure you also thank everyone who came to the office with you so you're creating a base of active 1Sky supporters in your community.

3. BECOME A CLIMATE PRECINCT CAPTAIN

The campaign for bold climate solutions doesn't end on November 18, and we're ready to work with you to keep it going! Sign up to join 1Sky's Climate Precinct Captains program at: <http://www.1sky.org/get-local>. You'll get access to unique training and organizing resources and online tools to help you keep building your power in your Congressional district.