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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S NOTE



The next 18 to 24 months will be formative ones that determine the nation's course of action on climate policy. In this political climate of high fuel prices, growing awareness of energy security, and

the exciting potential for green economic growth, we have a rare opportunity for meaningful action to protect our environment and our economy.

Sometimes, it can be challenging to see what any one person can do to contribute to our efforts to stop global warming. This November, you will be given an important opportunity to determine the energy future for the nation when you cast your ballot and vote.

As we enter this election period, SACE needs support from people like you to help move the dial towards meaningful climate action. I urge you to strengthen your participation and your vote during this critical time by making a donation to Southern Alliance for Clean Energy (SACE).

When you donate, you will join thousands of SACE activists across the Southeast calling for immediate action on climate change. Together, we will raise awareness among state and federal decision makers about the importance of strong government leadership on energy policy. You *can* help solve the climate crisis. Your voice will be heard! Thank you for your support.

Stephen A. Smith

Join the Solution



"I feel the sense of urgency for quick action on climate as the scientists have warned us that we have a very short window to work within. The imperative is that we scale up to a level that will meet this enormous challenge."

*Susan Glickman, U.S. Southern Region Director
The Climate Group*



"The world has fostered environmental trends that are threatening our civilization as we know it. Climatologists globally are surprised at the escalated rate of planetary warming and, hence, themselves alarmed. For me, every day comes with a deadline."

*John Noel, Board President
Southern Alliance for Clean Energy*



"I have come of age with the rise in public awareness about climate change and the increase in the body of science behind it and I am dumbfounded by the lack of action by our government to enact policies that do more than just pander to oil and coal companies. We needed strong climate policy when I was still in diapers and we need it even more now that I am able to drive a car, buy a plane ticket, and get a job."

Ellie Johnston, Student Activist



Clean Energy on the Hill

Urging Congress to solve global warming

The 110th Congress ushered in some positive energy policies: increases in fuel efficiency for cars, advances in green building standards, and incentives for homegrown, renewable fuel production. Despite these modest strides, debates on Capitol Hill suggest a lack of visionary leadership through policies that maintain our dependence on dirty, fossil fuels with subsidies to Big Oil and expanded offshore oil drilling along our southern coasts. Rebuilding America's economic prosperity and ensuring energy security for present and future generations requires policies that promote conservation, clean energy technology and green job development.

For more than 20 years, SACE has promoted responsible energy choices that solve global warming while ensuring clean, safe and healthy communities throughout the Southeast. In recent times, SACE staff worked to ensure

that our voices were heard as far away as Washington, D.C. as we advocated for sound energy policy to our region's Congressional leaders.

In more than 100 meetings on Capitol Hill and in our states, SACE educated policy makers and their staff about the global warming challenges the Southeast faces and the clean energy solutions at hand. Through action alerts, website updates and newsletters, SACE continues to inform you about federal policy developments and opportunities to contact your elected officials to urge support for clean energy policies.

As Congressional leaders prepare to debate the world's most pressing challenge – confronting global warming – SACE will be your advocate for policies that can solve global warming, while stimulating our economy with new jobs and renewable, homegrown energy sources.

Citizen efforts are needed to compliment SACE's federal policy work. As American's enter the voting booth this November, we urge you to elect politicians who are committed to reducing global warming pollution and are willing to incentivize the use and development of clean energy technologies that will create green jobs. JOIN US TODAY!

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Southern Alliance for Clean Energy will launch redesigned website

Since our last newsletter, SACE has made a series of strategic decisions to move forward with the rebranding process we described in the summer issue. To solidify our commitment to connect with you, SACE will launch our newly redesigned website in the next three months. While the “Southern Alliance for Clean Energy” name and identity will remain the same, SACE will take full advantage of our existing URL, www.cleaneenergy.org, to offer more interactive and new ways for supporters to get involved at the local level.

“The new site will be more interactive and offer a way for supporters to get involved at the local level.”

We hope to build an online community of citizens that are empowered to strengthen the movement behind meaningful climate policy. We believe that the power of the Internet will transform the way clean energy activists and SACE staff communicate, share information, and act for positive change.



Become a part of the clean energy solution.



Donate to SACE today!

Your donation will support the next generation of climate action. Together, we are calling upon Congress to craft national legislation including principles that:

1. Transition America to a clean energy future
2. Protect our economy with progressive energy policies
3. Set long-term reduction targets based on research, planning and science

You can learn more about the principles outlined above by downloading a copy of our “Statement of Principles on Climate Change” from our website, www.cleaneenergy.org.



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