



*A call for a science-based cap on global warming that will spur a shift to a clean energy economy and provide pathways out of poverty.*

America is at a crossroads. We can continue to overwhelm the planet with dangerous carbon pollution that harms our neighbor's health, threatens our food and water supplies and our planet, or we can embrace a new clean energy future.

**Leadership:** We need leadership to pursue comprehensive climate and energy legislation in 2009 with a cap on carbon pollution to improve our economy by driving investments to build, deliver and install clean energy solutions and create millions of new jobs.

**Responsibility:** We in the United States are the largest per capital emitter of global warming pollution. We have a moral responsibility to lead the way to clean energy future and protect the 'least among us.'

**Protecting the Least Among Us:** The poor already pay a high portion of their income on their energy bills. With global warming, heat-related illness, air pollution, extreme weather events and a rise of infectious diseases will case increased hardship of the poor.

**Prosperity for All:** Revenues from carbon auction must assistance consumers' transition to the clean energy economy. We need to investment in people and communities who are hardest hit by the impacts of global warming and in the technologies that provide better energy choices like efficiency, wind, and solar and create millions of new jobs.

We the undersigned people of faith in order to live out our call to be good caretakers of the earth and to be good neighbors urge you to act on the following principals for global warming solutions:

- Establish science-based pollution reduction targets, including reducing U.S. emissions by 25 percent below 1990 levels by 2020, that are periodically updated as science evolves;
- Auction all pollution allowances and devote the proceeds to helping the nation shift to clean energy and addressing impacts on consumers, workers, vulnerable communities, and natural resources;
- Ensure strong rules for any carbon "offsets" so that our efforts to reduce pollution are effective.

