

United States Congress
Washington, DC

March 20, 2020

Dear Member of Congress:

As a faith community we pray for your leadership as you respond to the COVID-19 global public health crisis. As you consider measures to address the current public health and economic crisis, we ask for moral leadership that prioritizes justice, stewardship and sustainability for God's community.

We must provide economic relief directly to people most impacted and make health a top priority. We must support workers, families and communities instead of corporations. We should use any stimulus packages to help create a regenerative economy that invests in working families, communities of color and indigenous communities. We ask you to use this opportunity to lift up those in need while also tackling the climate crisis, which is a threat multiplier for both our economy and health.

Any economic recovery package should be used to facilitate a just transition away from fossil fuel industry dependence. In particular, funds that are provided to the airline and cruise ship industry should be used for workers not executives and should include provisions to reduce carbon emissions by each industry.

Public investments can be used to lift up workers hit hard by the COVID-19 virus while also responsibly providing assistance to industries hit hardest by this pandemic.

Sincerely,

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Interfaith Power & Light
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