

dear members

We face the 114th Congress with some trepidation. The Republican-controlled House and Senate are going to present new challenges to us as we strive to meet the needs of those excluded from our economy.

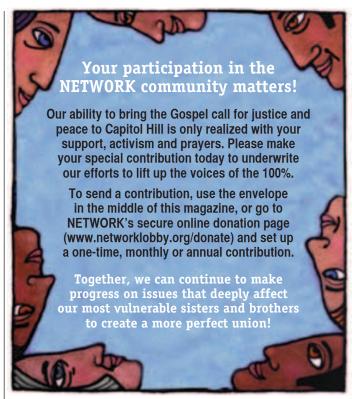
What we need to do though is to not be deterred by this challenge. Now more than ever, we need to step up and engage in the important and difficult work of democracy.

So with gratitude that we are not alone in this effort, let us build our connections, increase our advocacy, and be willing to have the hard conversations with those around us. It is a challenge to touch people's hearts and minds, and it is also a challenge to let our hearts be touched by others. But the way forward is to do just that.

Seek out people's stories so we can have a broader view of the needs and challenges of our time. Wherever we are, we can learn from those around us. So let us be missionaries of democracy by having conversations with those around us. Together we can create a groundswell of ordinary people speaking up for the needs of our people. In a word ... let us continue to create a vibrant NETWORK! This is the antidote to trepidation.

We are ready for the 114th if we stand together.

Simone Campbell, 555



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Ponder the Beauty in this Time of Challenge

BY SISTER SIMONE CAMPBELL

The endless cycle of idea and action Endless invention, endless experiment, Brings knowledge of motion, but not of stillness; Knowledge of speech, but not of silence; Knowledge of words, and ignorance of The Word.

-T.S. Eliot

I sometimes feel that we are in this "endless cycle of idea and action." We create yet another sign-on letter to go to Congress. We meet again with House and Senate staff. We hold another press conference. We consider getting on yet another bus. We face the 114th Congress with partisan politics at the forefront of the news. Republicans want to "test the president's resolve" and Democrats want to "impede the Republicans' policies." Tea Party members claim they want to be heard and have influence, but the question remains for what. These political battles have become business as usual. In this dizzying cycle I have come to another thought.

Maybe we need to explore the stillness in the center of all of this planning and execution. I have a hunch that if we knew better the silence at the center of this whirling, then there might be less frenetic activity and more love at the heart of things. I know when I am centered I can act in a more strategic fashion and with less of a frenetic quality.

This Congress is going to be a challenge for all of us. We will need to be focused and prepared. But most of all, I believe it will call us to a deeper place of love and engagement. We will need a regular practice of being silent and letting the Word work within us. Before each action I need to be sure that I am grounded in the love at the source of all creation. Let us make taking a deep breath our spiritual practice that can help keep us grounded in compassion.

I treasure the words of Jesus in Matthew where he says, "Come to me all you who labor and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble of heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

Know that in the frustrations to come and the worry and concern for our nation and our world, we will be nourished and sustained if we stay centered in the promise of love and engagement for others. We need to

keep this Word ever before our eyes in the hectic days to come.

And to that end, my envisioning this quarter is a vision of beauty and renewal...we need to be grounded in the still point in our turning world.

Open your heart to the deep contemplative mystery that we are one body. Let us breathe together the beauty of our world and the challenge to make our society inclusive of everyone. Ponder the beauty on this page and know that The Word is alive and well in our midst.

Trust that we are syllables of that Word and that our actions grounded in the word of Love will bear fruit in due season. And let us together go forth into this time of the 114th Congress filled with the knowledge that we are carrying a yoke not ours. In that together, we will be refreshed.

Sister Simone Campbell is NETWORK's Executive Director and author of A Nun on the Bus: How All of Us Can Create Hope, Change, and Community.

People think pleasing God is all God cares about but any fool in the world can see [God is] always trying to please us back... always making little surprises and springing them on us when we least expect.

-Alice Walker

Let's Get Serious about Poverty

BY CONGRESSWOMAN BARBARA LEE

It is a fact and a tragedy that there are too many Americans struggling to make ends meet on far too little.

According to the most recent Census Bureau data, there are more than 45 million Americans facing the harsh reality of poverty, day in and day out.

In the richest and most powerful country in the world, more than 45 million living in poverty is unacceptable. It is past time that Congress get serious about eliminating poverty in America.

As chair of the Democratic Whip's Task Force on Poverty, Income Inequality and Opportunity, I work with more than 100 of my congressional Democratic colleagues to develop and advance legislation to create well-paying job opportunities, address income inequality, and ensure a 21st century American workforce ready and able to compete in the modern global economy.

While ending poverty is not part of the GOP agenda, the Task Force and its members will continue our work to truly end poverty for American families.

One piece of legislation that I have introduced to address poverty is the **Pathways Out of Poverty Act.**

Pathways Out of Poverty uses proven, evidence-based solutions to create jobs

that will lift families out of poverty and into the middle class. It also expands programs and

resources to keep families in the middle class and strengthen our social safety net for those in need of a bridge over troubled water. I will be reintroducing this legislation in the 114th Congress.

More than fifty years after President Lyndon B. Johnson declared war on American poverty, Congress needs to recommit to the proven programs such as those empowered and expanded by Pathways Out of Poverty.

We know that these programs have lifted and will continue to lift American families out of poverty and prevent many American families from slipping into poverty. It is time we make the necessary investments to grow them.

We need a strategy, now

When President Johnson first launched his War on Poverty, he laid out a Great Society agenda—a full plan designed to tackle poverty in America head-on.

Today, we have formalized a national strategy to address and end poverty.

My **Half in Ten Act** would establish a national, inter-agency task force committed to designing a national strategy to halve poverty in the next decade. I will also reintroduce this legislation in the 114th Congress.

In real terms, The Half in Ten Act would create an actionable plan to lift more than 22 million Americans out of poverty over the next ten years. As a nation, we should be setting this goal and actively working to achieve it. It is our shared moral and economic imperative.

In August of last year, dozens of my colleagues joined me in sending a letter to President Obama asking him to establish such as task force because Republican obstructionism has prevented a coordinated legislative effort to address poverty in America.

In addition, my colleagues and I also asked the president to enact specific policy prescriptions that realize criminal justice reform, advance education and

The rate of poverty among Latinos is 23.5 percent, more twice the rate of white Americans. The poverty rate for Asian Americans is nearly a full percentage point higher than their white counterparts.

As a proud member of the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) and the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus (CAPAC), I work with my colleagues to advance policy solutions that end the cycles that leave generations struggling to get by.

As a member of the Appropriations Committee, one of my priorities, along with my Democratic colleagues, is to protect the safety of and ensure resources are prioritized for these communities to end poverty. We need real targeted investments to address the underlying causes of poverty.

It's time for real solutions

Like you, I know that we can end poverty in America. It is our moral responsibility to do so. It also makes economic sense.

In addition to passing the Pathways Out of Poverty Act and the Half in Ten Act, Congress needs to make sure that workers are not being kept in poverty by

low wages. Workers deserve fair pay for their work.

Since World War II, American workers have become the most

productive in the world. However, wages have failed to keep up with productivity. Instead, CEO pay has skyrocketed while many average workers are living in poverty despite working full-time. This is also unacceptable.

Another piece of legislation that Congress must pass is the **Income Equity Act,** which I will also be reintroducing. This bill would prevent companies from taking a tax break on excessive compensation for CEOs and other senior executives.

If a company is paying some executives 25 times what it pays its lowest paid worker, it should not get a tax break and leave the American people subsidizing worker poverty.

"Yes, we need to raise the minimum wage, but we also need to reject the idea of a bare minimum wage and start talking about a living wage."

youth development initiatives, enhance housing and financial services, and tackle hunger and food insecurity.

Enacting these policy solutions will go a long way to reducing poverty, especially in communities of color.

Poverty is far from color blind

Unfortunately, systemic and structural inequalities exist in all aspects of our society. These inequalities result in drastically skewed poverty rates for people of color.

The poverty rate amongst African Americans is 27.2%, more than two-and-a-half times the poverty rate for white Americans. One in three African American children lives in poverty.



This model of business is wrong!

Our country or our economy can no longer afford for low-wage workers to remain in poverty while the one percent reap the benefits of their hard work.

We need your help!

We know that change is needed. We need your help to raise awareness and take action

Individuals can raise awareness about the reality of poverty in America by taking the SNAP or Live The Wage Challenges. I have taken the SNAP Challenge several times, and it does not get any easier. During the challenge, you face the same obstacles of those living on supplement food assistance—feeding yourself on a daily food budget of only \$4.50.

The SNAP Challenge is certainly difficult, but living the reality of depending on food assistance is far harder. I know because when I was a young single mother, I was on public assistance.

The Live The Wage Challenge is similar. Those taking the challenge have \$77 for one week to cover all non-housing costs. This includes food, medicine, gas, public transit and all the other day-to-day things that many of us take for granted.

The Challenge is designed to raise awareness about the need to increase the minimum wage because \$7.25 per hour is not enough.

Yes, we need to raise the minimum wage, but we also need to reject the idea of a bare minimum wage and start talking about a living wage.

Together, these Challenges allow us the opportunity to live, in part, the challenges faced by those living on the edge or living in poverty. However, Challenge-takers can always quit the Challenge. Those living in poverty cannot simply quit living in poverty—they need their government's and community's support to build ladders so they can move into the middle class.

Most importantly, we need Americans to pick up the phone and call their Members of Congress and demand they take action to eliminate poverty. The main line for the U.S. House of Representatives is 202.225.3121.

Constituents can encourage their Members to join the Whip's Task Force and they can ask them to co-sponsor the Pathways Out of Poverty Act and the Half in Ten Act.

It often seems like one call does not

really achieve anything, but these calls truly matter. Representatives need to hear from constituents demanding action. If one takes this action, we can start down the long but worthwhile road of eliminating poverty in America.

Representative Barbara Lee (D-CA) was first elected to Congress in 1998. She has served as chair of the Whip's Task Force on Poverty and Opportunity since 2013.



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Voting Record of the 113th Congress Second Session

NETWORK gave mixed marks to the House and the Senate for their legislative performance in 2014. Unfortunately, as we studied the record of votes taken, NETWORK opposed more bills than we supported. The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act was one bright light in legislation that passed both chambers and was signed by President Obama. Both chambers were also successful in passing the Child Care and Development Block Grant.

The Senate initiated legislation that was voted down or unable to move in the House, stopping action that could have helped the nation, particularly children, seniors, those unable to work full-time, those working at or below the minimum wage, and those who are undocumented. The Senate successfully passed legislation to reinstate long-term unemployment benefits as well as protect and assist Central American children seeking asylum. The Senate tried to improve the lives of workers by an increase in the minimum wage and supporting equal pay for women, but these efforts were unsuccessful.

Both the House and the Senate passed legislation that will increase wealth inequality in the United States. Twice,

both chambers approved tax breaks that most benefit corporations and individuals with the greatest wealth. The "Cromnibus" provided for nearly limitless donor influence on elections, and further constrained the effectiveness of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. NETWORK did not include the "Cromnibus" in the voting record due to its complex positive and negative impacts.

We move into the 114th Congress with unfinished business and less certainty that its votes will benefit the 100%. There are immediate plans to damage the Affordable Care Act, to demand the use of a misrepresentative metric of economic wellbeing called "dynamic scoring" when evaluating bills, to unravel the president's immigration executive action, and to move on a corporate tax overhaul.

The work of NETWORK and our partners is daunting, and the help of spirit-filled justice-seekers like you (as always) is critical. Study the records of your returning legislators, read about any new Members, and be ready to call, write and visit!

Sister Marge Clark, NETWORK Lobbyist

Senate Voting Record 2014

Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2014 Vote #13 (H.R. 3547)

NETWORK supported this bill that funded the federal government for Fiscal Year 2014 and set spending limits for FY2015. This compromise allowed the government to function through September 30, 2014. It repealed portions of the sequestration, protected funding for many human needs programs, and retained parity between defense and non-defense discretionary spending.

Passed 72-26, January 16, 2014

Emergency Unemployment Compensation Extension Act of 2014 (legislative vehicle is Protecting Volunteer Firefighters and Emergency Responders Act of 2014) Vote #101 (H.R. 3979)

This bill extended long-term unemployment benefits for five months, retroactive to the start of 2014. NETWORK supported this bill because it provided financial assistance to American families struggling with unemployment.

Passed 59–38, April 7, 2014

Minimum Wage Fairness Act Vote #117 (S. 2223)

NETWORK strongly supported this bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to increase the federal minimum wage to \$10.10 over a two-year period. Further, it would increase the minimum for tipped employee, and tie annual increases to the Consumer Price Index.

Cloture was not invoked, disallowing further consideration 54–42, April 30, 2014

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Vote #214 (H.R. 803)

NETWORK supported this act, which replaced earlier versions. It required states to set policies and programs that support a comprehensive statewide workforce development system using labor market information. It revised the Job Corps to return to its original purpose of providing at-risk youth with intensive academic, career and technical education, and service-learning opportunities. And it enhanced adult and family literacy education—focusing on services below the postsecondary level.

Passed 95-3, June 25, 2014

Bring Jobs Home Act Vote #249 (S. 2569)

NETWORK supported this act since it brought our tax policies more in line with our national priorities, encouraged job growth and creation domestically, and ended tax breaks for corporations moving overseas.

Passed 54-42, July 30, 2014

Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2014 Vote #252 (S. 2648)

This bill provided funding to various departments to respond responsibly to the crisis of children at the border. NETWORK supported the bill as it sought to improve our nation's capacity to provide for the immediate needs of migrant children as well as protect their legal rights.

Failed 50-44, July 31, 2014

Senate Changes during this Session

Max Baucus (D-MT): Resigned February 6, 2014 John Walsh (D-MT): Appointed February 9, 2014

Continuing Appropriations Resolution, 2015 Vote #270 (H.J. Res. 124)

NETWORK supported this bill to provide temporary funding for the government in order to avoid a costly and inefficient shutdown.

Passed 78-22, September 18, 2014

Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 2014 Vote #276 (S. 1086)

NETWORK supported this bill that reauthorized the child care and development block grant (CCDBG) program through FY2020. It strengthened requirements that must be met by the state for protection of children, and was more inclusive of tribal organizations in the grants.

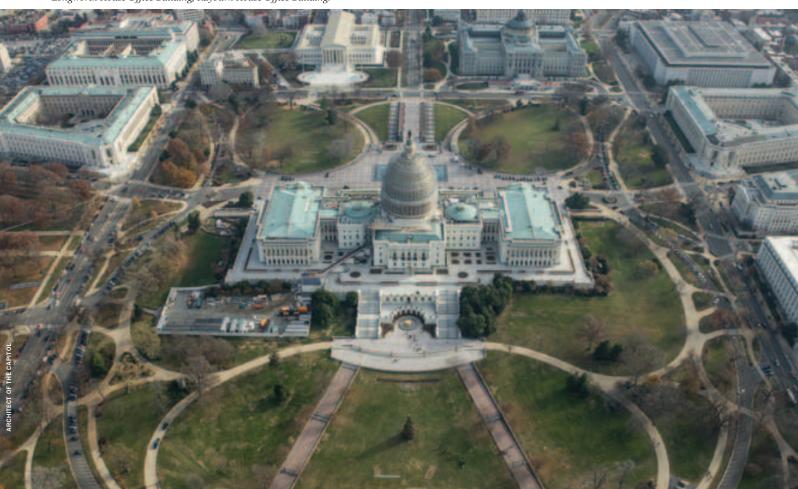
Passed 88-1, November 17, 2014

Paycheck Fairness Act Vote # 262 (S.2199)

NETWORK supported this bill, which would amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to create fundamental fairness for women and economic stability for families and children.

Failed 52–40, September 15, 2014

Capitol Hill looking east, the U.S. Capitol staged for dome renovation. At left and clockwise: Russell Senate Office Building, Dirksen Senate Office Building, corner office building, Supreme Court, Library of Congress Thomas Jefferson Building, Library of Congress James Madison Memorial Building, Cannon House Office Building, Longworth House Office Building, Rayburn House Office Building.



113th CONGRESS SECOND SESSION HOW THEY VOTED IN THE SENATE	Consolidated Appropriations 2014	Emergency Unemployment Comp	Minimum Wage	Workforce Innovation/ Opportunity	Bring Jobs Home	Emergency Supplemental Appropriations 2014	Continuing Appropriations 2015	d Care/Development	Paycheck Fairness	Of votes cast, percentage voted with NETWORK	Key to votes: Voted with NETWORK + Voted against NETWORK - Did not vote •	Consolidated Appropriations 2014	Emergency Unemployment Comp	Minimum Wage	Workforce Innovation/ Opportunity	Bring Jobs Home	Emergency Supplemental Appropriations 2014	Continuing Appropriations 2015	d Care/Development	Paycheck Fairness	Of votes cast, percentage voted with NETWORK
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Percentage with asterisk () signifies that legislator did not vote on all relevant bills.

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House Voting Record 2014

Save American Workers Act of 2014 Vote #156 (H.R. 2575)

NETWORK opposed this bill, which redefined a full-time workweek under the Affordable Care Act from 30 to 40 hours a week. This was an attempt to undermine the ACA and would have increased the number of uninsured Americans.

Passed 248–179, April 3, 2014

Baseline Reform Act Vote #168 (H.R.1871)

NETWORK opposed this bill since it promoted the use of "dynamic scoring," which requires the CBO and OMB to assume that future project funding will remain frozen with no adjustment for inflation and population growth. Removing these adjustments would severely understate future budget needs.

Passed 230-185, April 8, 2014

Establishing the budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2015 Vote #177 (H. Con. Res. 96)

NETWORK opposed the House Republican budget ("the Ryan budget"), which cut funding for vital safety-net programs while supporting tax breaks for the wealthiest. Rep. Paul Ryan's (WI-1) budget proposal cut funding for Pell Grants, Medicaid, SNAP and the ACA.

Passed 219-205, April 10, 2014

Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2015 • Vote #297 (H.R. 4745)

NETWORK opposed this bill, which failed to fully fund the Housing Choice Voucher Program and cut funding for public housing and other vital housing programs.

Passed 229-192, June 10, 2014

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend increased expensing limitations, and for other purposes Vote #309 (H.R. 4457)

NETWORK opposed this bill, which permanently extended tax breaks for businesses while refusing to do so for American families and individuals. It also decreased funding for nutrition programs that serve Americans suffering from food insecurity. *Passed 340–73, June 12, 2014*

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Vote #378 (H.R. 803)

NETWORK supported this act, which replaced earlier versions. It required states to set policies and programs that support a statewide workforce development system, revised Job Corps to return to its original purpose of providing at-risk youth with education and service-learning opportunities, and enhanced adult and family literacy education.

Passed 415-6, July 9, 2014

T Student and Family Tax Simplification Act Vote #449 (H.R. 3393)

NETWORK opposed this bill, which was written in a way that would negatively impact many low- and middle-income students and families. It also attempted to change the Child Tax Credit, skewing assistance to higher earning families while reducing assistance for those with lower wages and removing improvements made in 2009.

Passed 227-187, July 24, 2014

Secure the Southwest Border Act Vote #478 (H.R. 5230)

NETWORK opposed this bill, which provided supplemental funding for border control and the detention of unaccompanied children arriving from Central America. Although it included \$22 million for more temporary immigration judges and \$197 million for HHS to provide humanitarian assistance and temporary housing for the children, it also provided \$405 million for augmented border security and law enforcement through Homeland Security and \$70 million to the National Guard to assist them in deploying across the U.S.-Mexico border.

Passed 223-189, August 1, 2014

Continuing Appropriations Resolution, 2015 Vote #509, H.J. Res 124

See Description in Senate Listings, #6 Passed 319–108, September 17, 2014

Preventing Executive Overreach on Immigration Act of 2014 Vote #550 (H.R. 5759)

NETWORK opposed this bill, which was mainly a symbolic measure meant to prohibit President Obama from deferring or exempting from deportation undocumented immigrants and from treating them as if they had any sort of legal status. It dubbed the executive action "null and void and without legal effect."

Passed 219-197, December 4, 2014

House Changes during this Session

Bradley Bryne (R-AL): Seated January 8, 2014
David Jolly (R-FL): Seated March 13, 2014
Melvin Watt (D-NC): Resigned January 6, 2014
Alma Adams (D-NC): Seated November 12, 2014
Trey Radel (R-FL): Resigned January 27, 2014
Curt Clawson (R-FL): Seated June 25, 2014
Rob Andrews (D-NJ): Resigned February 18, 2014
Donald Norcross (D-NJ): Seated November 12, 2014
Eric Cantor (R-VA): Resigned August 18, 2014
Dave Brat (R-VA): Seated November 12, 2014

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2. Sanford Bishop (D)	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	80%	2. Brett Guthrie (R)	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	20%
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3. Daniel Lipinski (D)	_	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	90%	7. Elijah Cummings (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
4. Luis Gutierrez (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	_	+	90%	8. Chris Van Hollen (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
5. Mike Quigley (D)	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	100%*	MASSACHUSETTS											
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6. Tom Petri (R)

7. Sean Duffy (R)

8. Reid Ribble (R)

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5. Jim Sensenbrenner (R)

NETWORK's Legislative Agenda for the 114th Congress

Each new Congress presents fresh challenges and opportunities, and the 114th Congress is no exception. Newly elected majorities will challenge NETWORK's justice priorities while strong national demands for fairness and a functional legislative process should move us in the right direction.

New congressional priorities may influence our day-to-day work, but never our goals or principles. Since our founding almost 45 years ago, we at NETWORK have focused our advocacy work on legislation that will benefit the 100% instead of just the rich and powerful. In accordance with the Catholic social justice tradition, we act to create a society that promotes justice and the dignity of all in the shared abundance of God's creation.

Like Pope Francis, we also seek to bring people together and to end inequality. As he wrote: "... today we also have to say 'thou shalt not' to an economy of exclusion and inequality. Such an economy kills." (11/24/13, no. 53)

Today, we know that our nation must:

- Strengthen the safety net while changing structures that cause poverty
- Craft a faithful budget that benefits the 100%
- · Secure healthcare for all
- Protect and expand policies that support immigrants

- Promote nonviolent solutions to conflict
- Encourage a just U.S. trade policy
- Ensure the inclusion of the 100% in our democracy and our society

As the 114th Congress begins its work, NETWORK lobbyists are actively engaged on Capitol Hill, meeting new legislators and cementing relationships with returning Members and congressional staff. Meanwhile, thousands of our members are educating us and Congress about what is happening in their communities and what needs to change. We help amplify their voices, and they strengthen ours.

This year, we will focus on two key areas:

- Policies that **support the families of our nation.** The U.S. must invest in families to provide them with the tools they need to succeed. At a time of unparalleled inequality in our nation, NETWORK will pursue policies designed to lift all families up from the economic margins in keeping with our founders' vision of forming "a more perfect union."
- Promotion of **the politics of hope over fear.** We need peaceful resolutions of conflict in the United States and abroad, healing wounds caused by mistrust



and violence. We oppose militarization of our cities, our borders and our world. We will advocate for policies that build community, foster dialogue, and lead to greater understanding and respect for the civil rights of all people.

Specific Legislative Proposals

More specifically, our advocacy work will encompass these major policy areas:

Tax Policy

- ☐ **General tax reform:** Raise revenue to invest in infrastructure, thereby enhancing jobs for U.S. workers. Promote family stability through a permanent, expanded Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and a permanent, refundable Child Tax Credit.
- □ **Corporate tax reform:** Ensure that corporations pay their fair share of taxes. Include a corporate minimum tax and close distorting loopholes in the tax code. Pass a financial transaction tax to generate revenue for investment in small businesses and human needs.

Budget

- □ **Defense spending:** Maintain a "firewall" between defense and nondefense spending to ensure that any increase in defense spending cannot be offset by cuts to nondefense programs.
- ☐ **Sequestration:** Eliminate sequestration with a "reasonable revenue for responsible programs" Faithful Budget approach.

Appropriations

- ☐ **Responsible programs:** Strengthen social safety-net programs that support working families living in or near poverty.
 - Entitlement programs: Strengthen Social Security, SNAP (formerly known as food stamps), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Medicare, Medicaid, and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP).
 - Priority Discretionary Programs: Increase Women, Infants and Children (WIC) nutrition funding levels with health standards determined by the health science community. Increase number of—and funding for—housing vouchers and of low-income to extremely low-income units available and accessible.
- □ **Cut military spending:** Require an audit from the Pentagon and decrease spending on wasteful military programs, including The Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation (WHINSEC), formerly known as the School of the Americas (SOA), Department of Defense Excess Property Program, and Nuclear Weapons Modernization. Move toward responsible elimination of the Overseas Contingency Operations funding, placing all expenditures within the base budget.

Healthcare

- ☐ **Affordable Care Act:** Maintain and expand access to healthcare through the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Ensure all people have access to affordable, quality and comprehensive insurance in order to promote their economic stability and the health of their families.
- ☐ **Medicaid expansion:** Expand Medicaid across all states. Do not limit spending on health insurance for families struggling in poverty by imposing new per capita funding restrictions on beneficiaries. Safeguard states' reception of federal funding for a fixed share of states' total Medicaid costs to ensure continued coverage.
- ☐ **Children's Health Insurance Program:** Reauthorize CHIP program at current levels to ensure that the eight million children and pregnant women in families currently receiving insurance through the program maintain access to affordable, quality healthcare coverage.

Immigration Reform and Immigrant Rights

- ☐ **Comprehensive immigration reform:** Advocate for comprehensive immigration reform and protection of immigrant rights granted through executive action.
- ☐ **Unaccompanied children:** Advocate for funding for the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Justice to address the needs of unaccompanied Central American child refugees.
- ☐ **Root causes:** Examine the root causes of migration from Central America and ensure that special emphasis is placed on protecting and ensuring the human rights of women and children.

Economic Growth

- ☐ **Minimum wage:** Increase the minimum wage to a living wage, including raising tip-wages to 80% and linking to inflation.
- ☐ **Public infrastructure projects:** Promote public works for job creation and infrastructure repair.
- ☐ **Family-friendly workplace policies:** Promote workplace equity, including through paycheck fairness and family-supportive legislation.

Trade Policy

- □ **New approach to fast track:** Promote a new approach that gives Congress the authority to choose countries for negotiation and set trade priorities to give a stronger voice to civil society regarding labor, health, safety and environmental standards in return for the expedited approval of agreements.
- ☐ **Transpacific Partnership (TPP) agreement:** Remove investor-state provisions from the TPP agreement to protect public health, access to essential services, and environmental regulations. Fight to ensure that the Obama administration adheres to intellectual property standards, to which the Bush administration agreed, to protect developing countries' access to medicine.

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An Open Letter to Our Members from the NETWORK and NETWORK Education Program Boards of Directors

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Dear Members,

These past few years have been extraordinary for NETWORK. With increased exposure from the Apostolic Visitation, to Nuns on the Bus tours and countless public conversations, we have grown in ways we could have never imagined. These blessings have brought a new awareness to the boards of NETWORK and NEP. As we've reflected upon the journey that has brought us to today, we stand in awe of the faithful work of our foremothers and all it took to prepare us to receive these gifts from the Holy Spirit in this time.

Out of necessity, our predecessors were hands-on board members, working daily and spending countless hours to help our two sister organizations—the 501(c)(3) NETWORK Education Program, and the 501(c)(4) NETWORK, A National Catholic Social Justice Lobby—fulfill their singular mission. We are discovering we need to be less involved in the day-to-day activities of NETWORK and shift into traditional non-profit board management focused on governance and corporate responsibility. We recognize that new gifts and talents are needed to meet these needs at this time in NETWORK's journey. We are working to make our organizations more efficient by building a smaller and sustainable board that meets the needs of both organizations while carefully following the laws that regulate non-profit organizations.

So as members, you'll see a few changes as we discern how the boards can best help NETWORK fulfill its mission. We will not be holding elections this year as we look to streamline the boards, integrate board structures and roles, and look at the long-term needs of living the mission. While we won't be electing new board members this year, we will stay connected with you, our members, sharing these new transitions and plans as we build toward the future of NETWORK.

We appreciate your continued support and prayers as we work toward honoring the work of our foremothers and growing to where God is calling us.

Sincerely,

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