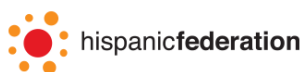
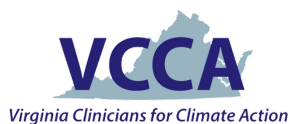


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Alaska Community Action on Toxics—brought attention to persistent organic pollutants (POPs) that are released by climate change and melting sea ice through public engagement, meetings that included diverse Alaskan constituents, and earned media. ACAT activated Alaskans to send a message to their congressional delegation about climate change and its negative implications.

Anthropocene Alliance—hosted a series of events on the impacts of flooding in Florida, New York, South Carolina, and Texas. Flood survivors hosted gatherings to raise awareness, meet with target members of Congress, and employ a social media campaign.

Arizona Forward—planned and executed three roundtable discussions—in rural and urban districts—with members of Arizona's congressional delegation and its business and economic development community on climate change and its impact on Arizona's economic sustainability.

Elders Climate Action—organized five town halls in Arizona to bring together intergenerational, multi-cultural, and interfaith communities to address the urgency of the climate crisis and the necessity for immediate action. The town halls engaged local, state, and federal officials.

American Water Security Project—provided outreach to media and editorial boards concerning the climate impacts of sea level rise and extreme rainfall on Florida's aging wastewater treatment systems. AWSP outlined the urgent need to put a price on greenhouse gas emissions to prevent catastrophic infrastructure failures and to provide a source of funding for systemic repairs, upgrades, and septic-to-sewer conversions.

Virginia Clinicians for Climate Action—activated its network of doctors, nurses, and allied health professionals to organize a series of presentations on health-related climate impacts to educate and recruit new clinicians. Existing and newly recruited members reached out to target members of Congress to call for climate action.

Hispanic Access Foundation—educated Latino communities and key elected officials on climate change and wildfire impacts on the Latino community through a premiere film screening and roundtable discussion in both Denver and Los Angeles and a comprehensive media campaign and targeted outreach strategy surrounding the film.

Hispanic Federation—through the Latino Environmental Influencers' Symposium, the Hispanic Federation engaged central Florida's Puerto Rican and Latino communities to identify local concerns about the climate crisis and its direct impacts to Latinx/Hispanic and marginalized communities. The symposium was attended by congressional targets and important environmental advocates in the state.

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In Solidarity—asserted the Church’s moral voice on climate change through a series of op-eds that elevated local issues and solutions through dialogue convened by top faith-based messengers. In Solidarity also organized a media-oriented prayer breakfast in Davenport, Iowa featuring high profile Catholic leaders.



Local First Arizona Foundation—conducted two town halls that engaged Congressional targets and Arizona business leaders in a discussion on how climate change is already affecting the economy, how it will continue to do so, and possible solutions for protecting Arizona’s economy and environment.



Make the Road Nevada—launched a grassroots campaign to ensure their membership and the broader Latinx and working-class communities understood the importance of demanding that Congress act on climate change. MRNV then mobilized their membership and critical constituencies to contact target members of Congress.



Marjory Stoneman Douglas Biscayne Nature Center, Inc.—hosted a series of environmental education and demonstration programs on the Bear Cut Preserve on key Biscayne to engage members of Congress, state and local officials, media, and the public to build awareness and take action on the climate emergency.



Mi Familia Vota Education Fund—in partnership with OCA-Greater Houston, MFV used an advocacy summit to equip youth within the Dallas/Ft. Worth and Greater Houston area with the skills to create a grassroots campaign to highlight the urgency of climate change and its effect on the community. Participants then mobilized to cultivate climate impact stories, sign-on to letters, and contact target members of Congress.



Natural Resources Council of Maine—working with the 7 Lakes Alliance, NRCM raised public awareness of climate impacts on Maine’s lakes and collaborated with constituents, 7 Lakes Alliance membership, business leaders, and community leaders to to conduct a series of outreach activities and communications including earned media, climate talks, and a panel discussion.



New Alpha Community Development Corporation—drew attention to climate change and four consecutive years of flooding and hurricanes in South Carolina—focusing particularly on the devastation impacted on businesses, schools, farms, churches, residences, municipal buildings, and ecosystems. They organized constituents through sign-on letters and an earned media campaign.



North Carolina Business Council—collaborated with the Cape Fear Economic Development Council, Women Business Center of North Carolina, Black Business Expo, and the North Carolina Hispanic Chamber of Commerce to amplify the voices of business leaders across the state on the economic benefits of addressing climate change and created opportunities for them to interface with key congressional leaders.

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Our Climate Education Fund—mobilized existing student leaders in New York and Florida to meet with their elected officials, share their stories through the media, and recruit and train an additional 100 rising student activists who were eager to advocate for climate policy solutions.



Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility—collaborated with local organizations and public servants in Colorado and Florida to amplify the science behind climate change and the need for Congress to take bold steps to address the climate crisis. PEER also worked to underscore the importance of public lands conservation and met with target Congressional offices and organized earned media and social media campaigns.



The CLEO Institute—conducted street teams in target districts to capture signatures and testimonials from concerned residents and local businesses highlighting the need for climate action in their community. The CLEO Institute then met with key Congressional offices to convey community concerns.



Trout Unlimited—utilized the voices of sportsmen to build support and a better understanding of climate issues from Arizona's members of Congress and key decision makers. TU directly engaged key officials via community events, site visits to areas that have not recovered from wildfires, fishing trips, and a DC fly-in.



UnidosUS Action Fund—highlighted Latino engagement in climate solutions through a workforce and small business development forum. Congressional targets were invited to hear stories of local leaders engaged in green workforce development and hold discussions on federal policy solutions to accelerate the green economy.



Western Leaders Network—organized and equipped a bipartisan group of 25 local and tribal elected officials—representing their frontline communities—to highlight local climate impacts and call for immediate action. The officials sought in-district meetings, attended public stakeholder meetings, and boosted outreach efforts by utilizing an earned media campaign.



Youth Empowered Solutions (YES!)—led efforts to raise awareness about current climate impacts in North Carolina and document work being done across the state through a mini-docuseries. YES! also hosted a teach-in on climate change to mobilize young leaders and provide a venue to meet target elected officials.