Catholic Climate Covenant seeks to inspire and equip people and institutions to care for creation and care for the poor. These institutions include our local, state, and federal legislative and executive bodies. We affirm the teaching of the U.S. Catholic bishops that any legislative action on climate change should include provisions that:

1. Reduce greenhouse gas emissions that are the primary drivers of climate change;
2. Ease the burdens faced by poor people at home and abroad;
3. Offer relief for workers who may be displaced because of climate change policies;
4. Promote the development and use of alternate renewable and clean-energy resources, and be willing to share these technologies and offer technical assistance to developing countries in meeting the challenges of global climate change; and
5. Provide funding for U.S. obligations overseas to help least developed countries adapt to climate change.

The Covenant encourages its supporters to be in dialogue with their local, state, and federal representatives about climate change. Write, call, or visit your representatives to let them know that you care about climate change and support action at a local, state, or national level that includes the five key priorities mentioned above.

We also encourage supporters to keep up to date on new science and technology relating to climate change by checking the websites of the National Academies of Sciences and the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC).

-This legislative response is adapted from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops’ (USCCB) “Legislative Responses to Climate Change.”