

PACE Members:

At a recent press conference held at the State Capitol, local, state and federal leaders came together to call for offshore oil revenue sharing to fund coastal protection efforts and launch the Save America's WETLAND Write Now Petition drive. The press conference was co-presented by PACE, CPRA, the Department of Natural Resources, the Department of Transportation and Development and the America's WETLAND Campaign. The petition is the second phase of the Save America's WETLAND Write Now initiative that was designed to mobilize citizens to write friends, family members and decision-makers around the country to educate them about the importance of protecting Louisiana's coast and saving America's WETLAND.

PACE and its leaders have been on the front lines of the battle to save America's WETLAND. For years, the members of PACE have been talking about the issues contained in the petition and through outreach and media efforts people are beginning to take notice.

However, making an impression on the decision-makers in Washington and the rest of the American public will require coastal protection supporters to display both unity and strength in number and message. To achieve this, the Campaign and its partners have set goal of collecting 200,000 signatures on the petition by March. To reach that goal, we need your help spreading the word about the petition and the importance of coastal protection.

You can help in a number of ways:

1. Post a link to the petition on your website – The petition can be found by following the links www.paceonline.org or www.americaswetland.com or at <http://capwiz.com/wetlands/home/>. The America's WETLAND campaign is happy to provide a graphic to use with the link.
2. Send an e-mail alert to list-serv members alerting them to the importance of showing their support of coastal protection in Louisiana, and providing them one of the aforementioned links to the petition.
3. Include coastal protection, the petition and where to find it in your speeches and presentations
4. Print out copies of the petition, which can be found at www.americaswetland.com/custompage.cfm?pageid147 and make them available at your office, city hall and for attendees to sign at public meetings and community events.
5. Mobilize members of your community to print out copies of the petition collect signatures at community events and local gathering places.
6. Forward news of the petition to other civic leaders and community groups and ask them to support the petition drive.

Coastal protection is key to rebuilding and revitalizing the regions effected by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, and it is a process that requires a continuous stream of dedicated revenue. Through this petition, you can help us educate the White House, Congress and the nation about the importance of coastal protection to the revitalization of Louisiana and the Gulf Coast.

Feel free to contact the campaign's Washington, DC office if you have any questions.

Best regards,
The America's WETLAND Campaign

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