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Dear Representative:

On behalf of our millions of members and activists, we urge you to support the environmental, public health and clean energy funding levels called for in the People's Budget released by the Congressional Progressive and to oppose Congressman Tom Price's budget.

The People's Budget demonstrates a strong commitment to our citizens and the American clean energy economy. It would create over eight million new jobs, end the arbitrary and destructive sequester, puts a price on carbon pollution with a rebate for low-income households and closes expensive tax loopholes for giant corporations and fossil fuel companies.

Alternatively, Chairman Price's budget balances the budget on the backs of the poor, the environment and public health. Big oil and coal billionaires got their ideal budget from Congressman Price with billions of dollars in subsidies and billions more in tax breaks with a promised cut in the corporate income tax rate. At the same time, Chairman Price's budget would end critical tax credits for renewable energy and continue the exploitation of our public lands to benefit private energy companies. The Price budget is bad for the American people, the health of our communities, and our economy.

Instead, we urge you to support the environmental, public health and clean energy provisions of the People's Budget, a proposal that reflects the needs of everyone else, not just dirty polluting industry. This proposal recognizes that investments in clean energy support three times as many jobs as dirty oil and coal. At a time when extreme weather is rapidly becoming the new normal, this budget also provides much-needed funding to help the Environmental Protection Agency mitigate climate disruption and keep our air and water clean.

Furthermore, this budget recognizes that environmental protection and economic growth can go hand-in-hand. This budget provides adequate funding to ensure appropriate management of our federal lands and keeps the gates open at all of our national parks to ensure that the American people have the ability to enjoy our national treasures.

From working families, business owners, veterans, the elderly and youth, Americans from coast to coast are looking to the government to develop a sensible, fair budget that protects them from harmful spending cuts. Please support the Congressional Progressive People's Budget and oppose Chairman Price's budget. As the debate moves forward on a budget for FY2016, oppose all anti-environmental riders that benefit big polluters at the expense of public health and the environment.

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