



Ask Your Members of Congress to Co-Sponsor NCLI Act

As you know, Senator Jack Reed and Congressman John Sarbanes introduced Senate and House versions of the No Child Left Inside Act into Congress on Earth Day, April 22, 2009.

Senator Reed and Congressman Sarbanes have shown true leadership in championing this critical and historic legislation. We are so grateful to them for all that they have done and continue to do to make environmental education an integral part of formal education for all American children. Many members of Congress are following their lead and have agreed to co-sponsor the NCLI Act. Please take a moment to thank your Senator or Representative if they are currently listed as co-sponsors (for a current list of co-sponsors, [click here](#)).

If your Senator or Representative has not yet agreed to co-sponsor NCLI legislation, please urge him or her do so by [sending a letter today](#).

The more we can demonstrate wide-spread, bipartisan support for No Child Left Inside, the greater our chances of swift success in improving preK-12 education for all children. Please take a moment to contact your members of Congress.

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Co-Sponsors in the Senate

Senator Benjamin Cardin (MD)
Senator Susan Collins (ME)
Senator Christopher Dodd (CT)
Senator Richard Durbin (IL)
Senator Kirsten Gillibrand (NY)
Senator John Kerry (MA)
Senator Frank Lautenberg (NJ)
Senator Blanche Lincoln (AR)
Senator Robert Menendez (NJ)
Senator Patty Murray (WA)
Senator Bernie Sanders (VT)
Senator Olympia Snowe (ME)
Senator Sheldon Whitehouse (RI)

Co-Sponsors in the House

Rep. Howard Berman (D-CA-28)
Rep. Timothy Bishop (D-NY-1)
Rep. Earl Blumenauer (D-OR-3)
Rep. Madeleine Bordallo (D-GU)
Rep. Robert Brady (PA-1)

Rep. Lois Capps (D-CA-23)
Rep. Kathy Castor (D-FL-11)
Rep. Yvette Clark (D-NY-11)
Rep. Gerald Connolly (D-VA-11)
Rep. Joe Courtney (D-CT-2)
Rep. Elijah Cummings (D-MD-7)
Rep. Diana DeGette (D-CO-1)
Rep. Vernon Ehlers (R-MI-3)
Rep. Keith Ellison (D-MN-5)
Rep. Bob Filner (D-CA-51)
Rep. Raul Grijalva (D-AZ-7)
Rep. Phil Hare (D-IL-17)
Rep. Alcee Hastings (D-FL-23)
Rep. Maurice Hinchey (D-NY-22)
Rep. Ruben Hinojosa (D-TX-15)
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Rep. Rush Holt (D-NJ-12)
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Rep. Barbara Lee (D-CA-9)
Rep. John Lewis (D-GA-5)
Rep. Frank LoBiondo (R-NJ-2)
Rep. Doris Matsui (D-CA-5)
Rep. James McGovern (D-MA-3)
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Rep. Michael Michaud (D-ME-2)
Rep. James Moran (D-VA-8)
Rep. John Olver (D-MA-1)
Rep. Ed Perlmutter (D-CO-7)
Rep. Jared Polis (D-CO-2)
Rep. Mike Quigley (IL-5)
Rep. Robert Scott (D-VA-3)
Rep. Jose Serrano (D-NY-16)
Rep. Joe Sestak (D-PA-7)
Rep. Carol Shea-Porter (D-NH-1)
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Rep. Albio Sires (D-NJ-13)
Rep. Fortney Pete Stark (D-CA-13)
Rep. John Tierney (D-MA-6)
Rep. Chris Van Hollen (D-MD-8)
Rep. David Wu (D-OR-1)
Rep. John Yarmouth (D-KY-3)

Draft form letter--thank you for supporting

Dear,

I am writing today to thank you for co-sponsoring the No Child Left Inside Act. If successful, this historic piece of legislation will improve public education for children across the country. By infusing environmental

education into the preK-12 curriculum, we will help to boost academic achievement, nurture environmental stewardship, and better prepare our students for the unique and complex challenges of the future. Thank you for your leadership on this important issue.

Sincerely,

Draft form letter—please co-sponsor

Dear,

I am writing today to urge you to consider co-sponsoring the historic No Child Left Inside Act, recently introduced into Congress. This historic piece of legislation will improve public education for children across the country. The No Child Left Inside Act authorizes new funding for states to provide high-quality, environmental instruction. Funds would support outdoor learning activities both at school and in non-formal environmental education centers, teacher professional development, and the creation of state environmental literacy plans. By infusing environmental education into the preK-12 curriculum, we will help to boost academic achievement, nurture environmental stewardship, and better prepare our students for the unique and complex challenges of the future.

With your leadership, we can ensure a better future for our children: a clean environment, healthy and academically successful students, and a prepared 21st century workforce. Thank you for your consideration of this critical issue.

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