

# DEFEND OUR FUTURE

## SPEAK. ACT. VOTE.

Defend Our Future is empowering young people to change the politics around climate change, so we can make progress on one of the most important issues of our time. Young people want their elected representatives to advance common-sense solutions that grow our economy and protect the world for future generations. We want to show young people that they don't need to wait – they can take an active role in the political process and through every day action. By amplifying the voices of young people demanding action, we can build political power to protect our bedrock environmental safeguards and advance national climate priorities.

## WHAT WE'RE DOING

### ▶ ACTIVATING CLIMATE LEADERS

Now more than ever, young people understand that civic engagement doesn't end once they've voted – it's just beginning. We're building a grassroots movement for action on college campuses and beyond. Defend Our Future partners with local businesses and organizations for "Defend Our..." events that foster discussion, highlight climate impacts and solutions, and feature community leaders, climate experts, environmental justice leaders and elected officials. Through phone calls, meetings with lawmakers and rallies, young people are demonstrating to elected officials broad public support for local and national action on climate change and the Environmental Protection Agency's mission to safeguard our health and the environment.

### ▶ BROADENING THE CONVERSATION

We're collaborating with diverse constituencies to show that we must work together to find climate solutions. We've partnered with Hip Hop Caucus, mitú, Voto Latino, Lonely Whale Foundation and Young Conservatives for Energy Reform to create thought-provoking campaigns. In June, we hosted more than 120 student leaders at our third annual National Climate Leadership Summit for a discussion on the future of climate policy and advocacy.

### ▶ CREATIVE COMMUNICATIONS

We're bringing more young people into the climate change conversation by creating innovative, compelling and eye catching digital content. We partnered with Mic.com to produce a series of captivating op-eds and Twitter chats with influencers like Reshma Saujani, Kendrick Sampson, Adrian Grenier, Xiuhtezcatl Martinez and Marcus Scribner. We also collaborated with BuzzFeed to highlight the vital role the EPA plays in protecting our health and the environment. It also featured a call tool that allowed readers to contact their senators – a first for BuzzFeed.

### ▶ VOTER MOBILIZATION

As we head into the crucial 2018 midterm elections, we will mobilize young people to use their voices, and their votes, to protect the environment. On campuses, we will register voters, help them find polling locations, encourage them to make a plan to vote and, ultimately, run our successful pledge to vote program – a program that has proven to increase voter turnout, especially among young people.

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# OUR PARTNERS

Defend Our Future works with many partners including Green For All, Mic.com, Young Conservatives for Energy Reform, mitú, Voto Latino, National Campus Leadership Council, and student leaders from over 100 campuses. We also collaborate with actors, musicians, activists, artists and local businesses to help secure common-sense climate solutions.

## WHAT YOU CAN DO

### REGISTER TO VOTE

Voting is one of the most important actions you can take to make your voice heard. Through our partnership with TurboVote, we are making it as easy as possible for people to register to vote, receive election reminders and more.

### GET INVOLVED

Making phone calls, writing letters to the editor and attending town halls and marches are important actions one can take to let their representatives know that they expect them to protect people, not polluters. Sign up for our email updates and we'll let you know about upcoming town halls, rallies and other opportunities to get involved.

### JOIN A DEFEND OUR FUTURE EVENT, OR HOST YOUR OWN!

Defend Our Future hosts climate summits, teach-ins, local-themed events and public forums with elected officials and community leaders to educate young people about climate solutions and why it's important to get involved.

### SHARE OUR CONTENT

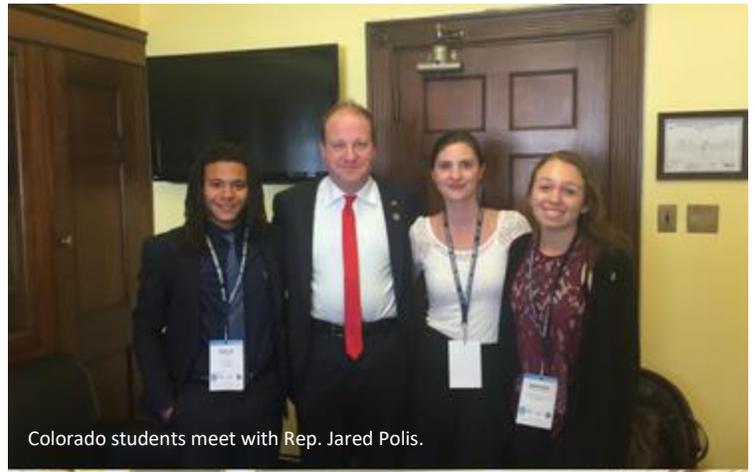
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Students testify in support of the Clean Power Plan at Philadelphia City Hall.



Senator Cory Booker with fellow environmental justice leaders.



Defend students pledge to protect the EPA.