Climate Disruption

PROBLEM:

Climate disruption is an urgent threat to our everyday lives and our children's future.

97% of climate scientists agree that global climate disruption is happening and that human activity has played a role.

Climate disruption is a threat to our everyday lives and our children's future. Climate disruption is about more than temperature – it's about disrupting the basic weather patterns that affect almost everything in our lives – from our water supplies, how we grow our food, the kinds of diseases and insects in our region, and the ability to keep our families and homes safe.

We can already see the effects of climate disruption all across America: unprecedented droughts and wildfires in Western states, record-breaking heat in the Southwest and Midwest, Hurricane Katrina in the Gulf Coast, and melting glaciers in Alaska. Extreme weather events are costing Americans their economic well-being, their health, their homes, and their futures.

The time to fight climate disruption is **now**.

BENEFIT:

Clean energy creates jobs, healthy families, and combats climate disruption.

By reducing our use of dirty fossil fuels and investing in clean energy and energy efficiency, we can reduce energy costs, create millions of new American jobs, clean up our air and water, ensure healthier and more prosperous communities, and combat climate disruption at the same time.

Climate preparation pays. Preparing and taking precautions for climate disruption is a practical and less expensive way to create better futures for our children.

Burning fewer fossil fuels, conserving energy, and preparing for the effects of climate disruption is like buying insurance – even if we don't expect our house to burn down or to be diagnosed with cancer, we should prepare for worst-case scenarios.

SOLUTION:

Transitioning from dirty fossil fuels to clean energy is critical to combat climate disruption.

To slow the pace of climate disruption, we must reduce our use of carbon-based dirty fossil fuels like coal and oil and move on to plentiful clean energy sources like wind and solar.

Our leaders can combat climate disruption by accelerating America's transition to clean energy sources like wind and solar and by adopting aggressive energy efficiency measures.

We must create healthy natural areas where plants, animals, and people are better able to adjust to changing weather patterns and resulting migration patterns.

CALL TO ACTION:

We can all take steps to fight climate disruption – but we need our leaders to move us beyond fossil fuels.

We must fight climate disruption together. There is a lot that each of us can do to help reduce the amount of carbon in the atmosphere, whether it's driving less, conserving water and energy, making our homes more energy-efficient, investing in clean energy like rooftop solar panels, consuming less and recycling more.

We must demand that our leaders combat climate disruption by moving America beyond fossil fuels and towards a clean energy economy.

Planning for climate disruption now is less expensive than dealing with climate-related catastrophes (such as extreme weather events and sea level rise) after they occur.