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Sierra Club's Climate Action Hours

The Sierra Club, a long-standing and influential grassroots environmental organization in the U.S., **works to advance climate solutions and ensure everyone has access to a healthy environment.** With 64 local state-based chapters across the country, they “advance renewable energy solutions, advocate for clean air and water, protect wildlife and natural spaces, and engage in lobbying state legislatures to make sure our voices are heard.”

In an effort to address some of the current changes proposed at the federal level which would weaken access to a healthy environment, the **Sierra Club has instituted monthly Climate Action Hours to inform, provide a space for feedback, and offer opportunity to take action – all in one hour.**

In the **first Climate Action Hour** on January 29th, **over 12,000 people signed up to take meaningful action to protect the clean energy benefits of the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA).** There was a brief presentation about the IRA and participants then engaged in calling their representatives or posting on their media pages. A simple and straightforward script was provided, and in two minutes thousands of messages went out.

“The **Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 includes more than 100 programs that will invest about \$370 billion in climate action, clean energy jobs, and environmental justice.** Collectively, these unprecedented investments will put us on a path to cutting climate pollution by 40% by 2030 while creating over 9 million family-sustaining jobs over the next decade and advancing racial, economic, and environmental justice.” (Sierra Club) [The bill also authorizes \$300 billion in deficit reduction, three years of Affordable Care Act subsidies, prescription drug reform to lower prices, and tax reform.]

Consider giving one hour a month to focus on a climate issue and take direct action. **The next meeting is on Wednesday, Feb 26, 2025, from 6:00-7:00 p.m. EST.** [You can sign up here.](#)

And if you would like to weigh in on the IRA, [find your representative](#) and give him or her a call. It will only take a minute. **Here's a sample script from Sierra Club to use or adapt.**

“My name is _____ and I am your constituent in [City, State]. I support the Inflation Reduction Act's clean energy and climate programs and want you to do everything you can to stop efforts to repeal them. Protecting the IRA is important to me because _____. Thank you!”

“To hope is to give yourself to the future – and that commitment to the future is what makes the present inhabitable.” Rebecca Solnit

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