

# AN OPEN LETTER TO AMERICA'S ELECTED LEADERS

As America prepares to celebrate Earth Day on April 22nd, you have a huge responsibility to make sure that large and small policies and actions on the federal, state and local level give top priority to environmental concerns.

With our nation's population continuing to soar by tens of millions of people each decade – and set to approach 400 million by 2050 – we members of Negative Population Growth appeal to you to do all you can to create a workable and responsible national population policy.

There is little debate that population growth will be a driving force in feeding our environmental crises. A soaring population will forever push nature's limits and negate our national quest for clean air and water, and to protect all living things. By failing to address the population issue now we risk creating a future where our environmental problems could well grow beyond our ability to reverse or repair them.

On the first Earth Day in 1970, Americans stood united in promising to work together to address our nation's environmental problems. The original goal was – and remains – a livable future for all. Please don't let our children and grandchildren down. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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