

## A 2010 To-Do List for the Senate

Are your senators too busy thinking about getting reelected next fall to earn their reelection? At the start of a new year, Americans know all too well that the Senate has a lot of unfinished business from 2009. Our families need jobs, affordable health care, and protections from harmful lenders. Our children need fair treatment in the justice system, and our communities need the opportunity to contribute to a better country.

**Send this 2010 to-do list to your senators to remind them that they need to earn our votes. Take action below to support your community.**

**Finish health care reform fairly.** Members of Congress are on the cusp of finishing health care reform that has the potential to bring affordable health care to many in the Latino community. Reform should reflect Latino priorities and reject anti-immigrant provisions.

**Create jobs in the hardest-hit communities.** Communities of color have suffered disproportionately from rising unemployment. Many Americans are losing confidence in federal recovery efforts as disparities in economic well-being grow wider. Congress must initiate a bold plan to create millions of jobs quickly, with strategies that target the communities hit hardest by joblessness.

**Fix the broken immigration system.** It is time for the federal government to accept its responsibility and exercise leadership to create a workable and humane immigration system that promotes legality, serves the national interest, boosts the economy, and upholds America's best values and traditions.

**Put consumers first.** Americans need proof that the government will crack down on lending abuses and increase accountability, but the Senate has only proven its loyalty to big banks. Do not forget that our families are a good investment too. Make 2010 the year of consumer empowerment by creating a federal Consumer Financial Protection Agency.

**Protect youth involved in the juvenile justice system.** The "Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Reauthorization Act" (S. 678) aims to reduce youth crime by addressing its root causes and to protect youth in the juvenile and criminal justice systems from the dangers of incarceration. In December 2009, the Senate Judiciary Committee approved the bill. Now, the full Senate must quickly pass S.678, three years overdue for reauthorization, to ensure the well-being of all youth involved in the justice system.

In order to address your message to the appropriate recipient, we need to identify where you are.