

Petition on our response to the Hurricane Katrina disaster.

Whereas, the waters of Hurricane Katrina have revealed fault lines of race and class in our nation, washing away our national denial about the large number of Americans who live in poverty and about its disproportionate impact on people of color; and

Whereas, we have now seen the effects of public policies that sacrifice the common good to private interests and misguided priorities;

Therefore, we call upon ourselves, our community, and our elected representatives in congress to:

- (a) *OPEN OUR HEARTS to all the victims of the disaster by prioritizing the basic human needs of the displaced;*
- (b) *LET THE MORAL IMPERATIVE TO BE COMPASSIONATE commit us to sweeping change in our national priorities to reduce and alleviate poverty;*
- (c) *MAINTAIN FEDERAL PROTECTIONS for wages (reinstate Davis-Bacon), the environment, public health, public education, affordable housing, civil rights, and using local and minority-owned businesses;*
- (d) *REJECT FURTHER TAX CUTS for the wealthy and REJECT NO-BID CONTRACTS;*
- (e) *REDUCE THE MILITARY BUDGET to pay for these priorities; and*
- (f) *CREATE AN INDEPENDENT COMMISSION (like the 9/11 Commission) TO INVESTIGATE the response of government to Hurricane Katrina.*

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