



## Basics Test & Discussion Guide for 2008

### 1. What is the purpose of Citizen's Climate Lobby?

Answer:

- To create the political will for a sustainable climate.
- To empower individuals to have breakthroughs in exercising their personal and political power.

### 2. What are the five partner agreements?

Answer:

- a) Attend the National conference call meeting, the first Saturday of each month at 9:45 A.M. Pacific to 12:15 P.M.
- b) Meet with your group a second time each month to plan and carry out activities focused on having members of Congress become champions for a sustainable climate.
- c) Stay in touch with your group leader.
- d) Raise money for group expenses. This covers a share of CCL staff time, costs of the conference calls and mailings.
- e) Practice speaking the laser talk at the National Conference Call meeting, until you are comfortable with it.
- f) Biannually, hold an outreach meeting to generate new partners and donors for CCL

### 3. What is the difference between authorizing legislation and appropriations legislation?

Answer: Authorizing legislation sets policy and spending limits, but does not provide the actual funds. Appropriations legislation defines actual spending levels on all spending bills.

### 4. What Committee in the House of Representatives will we mostly deal with?

Answer: Committee on Energy and Commerce. **Who is Chair?** Answer: John Dingell, D-MI

**What Sub-Committee will we mostly deal with?** Answer: Energy and Air quality.

**Who is Chair?** Answer: Rick Boucher, D-VA

### 5. What Committee in the Senate will we mostly deal with?

Answer: Environment and Public Works. **Who is Chair?** Answer: Barbara Boxer D-CA

**Who is the Ranking Member?** Answer: James Inhofe R-OK

### 6. Regarding Laser Talks, what does EPIC stand for?

Answer: That's E for Engage, P for Problem, I for Inform and C for Call to Action.

### 7. What is the Major Newspaper in your area and who is the Editor of the Editorial Page?

### 8. Deliver the laser talk on the reverse side of the page. A laser talk is a short, powerful talk, usually regarding legislation.



Here at CCL Laser Talks are used as a basis for speaking to Legislators, Legislative aides, members of the press, and family and friends. Please learn this talk so that you can give it on the Basics Test. Every month there will be another Laser Talk to learn and practice.

## Laser Talk

“Dear Congressman \_\_\_\_\_, I live in \_\_\_\_\_, I am very worried about global warming. There’s too much C02 in the atmosphere. It’s trapping heat and changing the climate. Right here in \_\_\_\_\_ I have seen the following \_\_\_\_\_ due to climate change.

There is a Principals Letter on global warming circulating in the House of Representatives. It calls on Speaker Pelosi to back “Strong, Fair, Science Based Legislation to Stop Global Warming.” I ask you to sign the letter before the September 12th deadline and for you to ask other Members of the House to sign it. I ask you to be a champion for bi-partisanship to resolve global warming.

I have included a copy of the letter.

I will be calling you soon to get your response.

Thank you Congressman. I’ll talk with you soon.