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Obama Officials Are Not Leading

DURING MY SUMMER vacation this past August it was refreshing to see progress being made on clean energy as I toured wind farms in upstate New York. For instance, to the west of the Adirondack Mountains, the Maple Ridge wind farm, with about 200 turbines, generates enough power to supply two percent of the state's residential electricity. I was impressed by how quiet the wind turbines are, even when standing underneath them, and by how well they fitted into the agricultural landscape.

Turning to the Obama administration and hope for the future, the big question is how the new appointees are doing in the administration's first nine months in office. Friends of the Earth believes that the time has come to demand more from Obama officials on human rights, health, and environmental protection. We are not seeing the kind of decisive positive actions from Obama's appointees that we saw from the Bush appointees who were zealous in their efforts to dismantle health, workplace safety, and environmental safeguards. In fact, the Bush officials were so blatant in their frontal assault that Friends of the Earth proceeded to document, month by month, the major anti-environmental actions taken by that administration.

Obama officials are too weak-kneed and simply not stepping up to the plate to seize opportunities and lead. Take human rights and the fate



Brent spent his summer vacation on Silver Lake in New York with his family; in this picture he is canoeing with his niece Evelyn.

of our environmental colleagues in Central America. Members of Friends of the Earth Honduras fear for their lives following the military coup in early summer, but the United States did not vigorously condemn this coup nor did it immediately cut off U.S. aid as required by law. As a result the brutalities have continued throughout the summer and a tacit green light has been given to the world for such anti-democratic outrages.

There is growing concern about the blistering array of harmful chemicals now being found in our bodies, but Obama's people have not reversed the anti-environmental procedures that Bush officials put in place.

When it comes to crucial appointments, we applaud Obama's Supreme Court nomination of Sonia Sotomayor, but in other less visible positions, once again the fox is given the job of guarding the chicken coup. At the Food and Drug Administration, Michael Taylor, who was Monsanto's Vice President for

Public Policy beginning in 1998, has been designated as Senior Advisor to the Commissioner. So much for Obama's policy of not putting fat-cat lobbyists in top influential positions!

Mountain-top coal mining in West Virginia and Kentucky is one of the most blatant transgressions against the forests and waters of the U.S. despite the fact that it's against national law. Yet Obama has nominated a business-as-usual state official to head the Office of

Surface Mining. Joseph Pizarchik's record on Pennsylvania mining has been abysmal in terms of granting permits that lead to serious water pollution and toxic contamination.

In the international arena last July, President Obama claimed he could ignore Congress's mandate to pressure the World Bank on environmental and labor standards.

In the global negotiations this year on climate, Friends of the Earth International member groups are astounded to find that Obama's team is basically indistinguishable from the Bush negotiators on certain positions.

I hope that all Friends of the Earth supporters will demand from Obama's appointees swift and decisive action to repair the damage done by Bush and to move our nation forward as a defender of human rights, social justice, and the environment. ○

Brent Blackwell

Dirty Coal Lobbyists Caught in Forgery Scandal

In July, reports surfaced that a D.C. lobbying firm hired by the coal industry had forged letters to Congress in an attempt to weaken energy legislation. The letters were purportedly from local NAACP and Latino groups, but in fact were sent without their knowledge. Friends of the

Earth and activists from Avaaz.org reacted immediately by holding a protest outside the offices of the firm, Bonner and Associates, to call out the firm's naked fraud. Rep. Ed Markey (D-Mass.) followed up by announcing a congressional investigation into the matter. ○

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VICTORY! Saving the Rivers of the Nation's Capital

The D.C. Environmental Network, spearheaded by Friends of the Earth, celebrated a victory when Mayor Adrian Fenty signed into law the Anacostia River Cleanup and Protection Act of

2009. This law attaches a small five-cent fee on disposable shopping bags to curb the use of these bags resulting in a cleaner Anacostia River, Potomac River and Rock Creek. ○

VICTORY! Ship Shape: Cleaner Ships Save Lives

In August, nine years and two court battles after Friends of the Earth first demanded that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency craft more protective air pollution limits for large ships, the agency

announced proposed cleaner air pollution standards for ocean-going vessels. The rules would reduce harmful pollutants by 80 percent or more by 2030, preventing between 13,000 and 33,000 premature deaths. ○

Get involved in issues and debates affecting human health and the planet by signing up for Friends of the Earth action alerts and monthly newsletters by email. Go to www.foe.org and enter your email address in the box provided in the left-hand navigation bar.



GIVING THROUGH YOUR WORKPLACE

is a great way to support Friends of the Earth's advocacy for the planet and all the life it supports.

If your employer participates in the federal government's Combined Federal Campaign (CFC #12067), United Way, or other workplace giving campaigns, you can support Friends of the Earth through an automatic payroll deduction.

Another great way to give is through Earth Share, a nationwide network of leading environmental organizations that works to educate the public about the environment and to provide opportunities to care for our planet through workplace giving.

For more information or to find out if Earth Share participates at your workplace, visit www.earthshare.org. Friends of the Earth's CFC designation number is 12067. For other questions, contact Peter Stocker at (866) 217-8499, ext. 216, or pstocker@foe.org. ○

A Message from Erich Pica

DEAR NEW AND LONGTIME friends of the Friends of the Earth,

It is with great enthusiasm and hope that I'd like to introduce myself as the next president of Friends of the Earth. For more than a decade I have worked with Friends of the Earth, first as a fellow and for the last six years as Director of Domestic Programs. It is an honor to lead this organization, and I know together we are going to achieve great victories for our planet.

We are living in a historic time for global environmental advocacy. The imminent threat of global warming, our reliance on fossil fuels instead of renewable energy and clean transportation, toxins in our homes and environment, and other threats all demand solutions that go beyond inflating tires and changing light bulbs. They require challenging those who would put profit over the health of our planet and its people. The fulfillment of our mission "to champion a healthy and just world," demands that we continue the aggressive advocacy that we have pursued since our founding 40 years ago.

I come from a family of farmers and educators in a conservative part of southwest Michigan. I enjoyed growing up on and exploring my family's farm and surrounding open space. Those experiences taught me early on to value the freedom and beauty of wild places and farmland, even if farming itself wasn't for me. But it wasn't until I attended Western Michigan University, and read Lester Brown's "State of the World," that I woke up to the crisis threatening our fragile environment. What moved me then, and what motivates me now, is the



Erich Pica, President of Friends of the Earth.

urgent need to protect our planet and its people from economic exploitation. We must break the vicious cycle of destroying the environment for the sake of profit and economic growth. The future of the planet and all the life it supports depend on it.

Following graduation, I moved with my wife-to-be, Amy, to Washington, DC, to work on environmental policy. After searching long and hard for a job, I received two offers. The first was a high-paying environmental position with a well-known consulting firm. The second was a fellowship at Friends of the Earth offering miserly pay. It was a difficult choice so I sought the advice of my father. My dad said: "Erich, I don't know which job is best for you, but if you inform yourself, follow

Over the past 10 years, and with the help of members like you, I have:

- continued the campaign to cut more than \$54 billion in environmentally harmful and wasteful spending from the federal budget as a lead campaigner on our Green Scissors Campaign;
- headed our efforts to cut oil and gas subsidies; and more recently
- led Friends of the Earth's global warming advocacy, culminating in our campaign to "Fix or Ditch" the weak Lieberman-Warner Global Warming bill, and our opposition to the new Waxman-Markey bill, legislation that would actually take us a step backward.

your gut and your heart, then you'll make the right decision."

My father's advice sits at the core of Friends of the Earth's philosophy, and it's been exemplified by both our founder, David Brower, and our outgoing president, Brent Blackwelder. We inform ourselves by talking to the world's experts; we check these facts against our fundamental beliefs in environmental protection and justice; and then we fight like hell for what we believe in.

This is what brought me to Friends of the Earth and I hope it's part of what inspired you to join our movement. I look forward to continuing this powerful advocacy together. ○

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Erich Pica". The signature is fluid and cursive.

What Drives Us: An Interview with Danielle and Sara

Danielle Fugere and Sara Schedler coordinate the Clean Cars Program for Friends of the Earth.

How is your transportation choice a reflection of your work?

DF: More than thirty percent of our nation's greenhouse gas emissions come from the transportation sector, so reducing car emissions is an essential and logical solution to the climate crisis. The Clean Cars Program promotes, among other transportation alternatives, plug-in vehicles that achieve 100+ miles per gallon (MPG) and can be fueled with solar-generated electricity. Plug-in hybrids and all-electric cars will be coming to market beginning in 2010, but until then, when I need to drive, I rely on my 2000 hybrid Honda Insight, a car that achieves more than 50 MPG.

SS: I use public transportation most of the time, but I also have a biodiesel car that runs on fuel made from 100 percent locally sourced and recycled vegetable oil. I use waste oil that doesn't have to be shipped from long distances, given that virgin bio-fuels can be very carbon-intensive and often cause land and rainforest destruction, further accelerating climate change. If given the choice, I would buy an electric car because



Danielle test driving a plug-in Prius not yet available on the market.

they are the cleanest vehicles on the road today. However, I don't have a garage or access to a charging station. For this reason, I am personally motivated to work on our campaign to promote public solar fuel stations that charge electric vehicles from 100 percent renewable solar power, to create one of the least carbon-intensive modes of transportation possible.

Do your work and your choice of transportation affect those around you?

SS: My mom just bought a Toyota Prius and is on a waiting list to get it converted to a plug-in vehicle, which would allow her to drive 25 miles per day on electric power, using no gasoline.



Sara shares a biodiesel car.

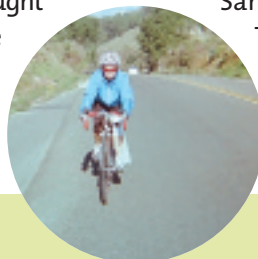
What is your campaign goal for the next six months?

DF: We will continue to promote plug-in vehicles and solar fuel stations in order to achieve zero emissions driving. To that end we will meet with city planners, businesses, transit agencies, and others in California to promote planning for and purchasing of plug-in vehicles. We are also working with these entities to move the solar fuel station concept from an idea into reality. We aspire to eventually take this model nationwide.

Go to www.foe.org/what-drives-us to read the full interview and to see a complete rundown of how Friends of the Earth staff get around. ○

At Friends of the Earth we try to practice what we preach and our transportation choices are no exception.

Adina Matisoff, China Sustainable Finance Campaigner: takes public transportation to work and bought a road bike last winter for going on extreme adventures around California, including biking from San Francisco to Los Angeles via the scenic Route 1 coastal highway.



Hillary Blank, Major Gifts Officer: rides San Francisco's BART (Bay Area Rapid Transit) or Muni (Municipal Railway) to and from work.



Making Waves for Climate Justice

The Path to Copenhagen and Beyond

By Elizabeth Bast

IN DECEMBER, Friends of the Earth staff will join tens of thousands of government officials and delegates, activists, and businesspeople gathering in Copenhagen, Denmark, for the 15th Conference of the Parties of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

These global climate talks bring together the nations of the world to figure out how to address climate change and its impacts around the globe. While President Obama's climate negotiators converge in official talks at the convention, Friends of the Earth staff members Nick Berning, Kate Horner, Karen Orenstein and I will be reporting in a variety of ways on what's happening both inside and outside those talks via www.foe.org/copenhagen. If you will be in Copenhagen that week, join Friends of the Earth International as we 'flood' the streets with thousands of people in a call for climate justice on December 12!

The Copenhagen negotiations will be a critical step towards achieving a global plan to deal with climate change. The last major milestone of



the climate negotiation process came in December 2007 when leaders from around the globe met in Bali, Indonesia, and agreed on a framework for the discussions leading up to Copenhagen. At that time, the Bush administration re-affirmed the principle that rich countries, like the United States, should reduce their emissions while simultaneously helping poorer nations to pay for a transition to clean energy and for the impacts of climate change; however action did not follow.

And despite President Obama's campaign for change, current congressional legislation and the administration's negotiating team are echoing the same failure to

commit to real climate action. What happens in Washington in the months leading up to Copenhagen will have substantial implications for the success of the international agreement. The United States is responsible for a quarter of the world's greenhouse gas pollution and therefore must become a global leader in order to achieve an effective international climate agreement. Both Congress, by way of sound climate legislation, and the administration, through its stance in negotiations, must address our pollution here at home and support climate action in other countries.

Ingredients for a Fair and Effective Global Climate Agreement

Before the world turns its gaze toward Copenhagen the U.S. needs to recognize its responsibility to both reduce emissions at home and also help our global neighbors address the climate crisis. The United States, with less than five percent of the world's population, has produced more than 25 percent of the world's greenhouse gas emissions since 1990. Yet as the world

experiences rising seas, glacial melting, increasingly violent storms, droughts and floods, and conflict arising from resource scarcity, we as the perpetrators of climate destabilization will be relatively sheltered from the chaos. Instead it will be the countries, communities and people that are least responsible for the problem that will be most affected by climate change and least able to respond and adapt. For example Prakash Sharma, the Director of Friends of the Earth Nepal, warns that rapid glacial melting in the Himalayas is causing glacial lakes to overflow and could lead to catastrophic floods that wipe out entire villages, threaten rare animals such as the snow leopard and damage a tourist industry that serves as Nepal's primary source of income. Friends of the Earth's unique perspective is formed by the collaboration of organizations in 77 countries uniting for the common good. We all agree that a fair climate deal would take into account the responsibility and capacity of countries to address climate change – essential-



Friends of the Earth International had a strong presence at the 11th Conference of the Parties of the United Nations in Montreal in 2005.

ly, countries with a greater “climate debt” like the United States would have to make greater emissions reductions and pay more to clean up their climate pollution and finance global energy solutions. A fair climate deal would:

- Demand developed countries reduce greenhouse gas emissions to at least 40 percent below 1990 levels by 2020;
- Transition economies to using clean energy in order to phase out

reliance on fossil fuels and therefore reduce emissions;

- Eliminate offset loopholes as an option for “reducing” emissions;
- Obligate developed countries to finance and share technology with developing countries to transition to clean energy, adapt to climate change impacts, and halt deforestation;
- Recognize the right of all people to a healthy climate, particularly

Timeline to Copenhagen

September 20-25

International climate week in the U.S. The United Nations General Assembly will hold a special session on climate change in New York City, and on September 24-25, the G20 will meet in Pittsburgh. Obama has asked finance ministers to report back to the G20 with suggestions on funding for climate-related needs.

To Do: Join people from all over the world in signing the Demand Climate Justice petition and tell President Obama in advance of the G20 meeting that we need his leadership. Go to www.demandclimatejustice.org.



that of Indigenous Peoples and forest dependent peoples.

For a fair and effective international treaty, we need two things: first, a national climate bill that sets a high standard for U.S. commitment to fighting global warming, and second, 67 senators to vote in favor of ratifying the treaty. To achieve these goals, we need the American public to be vocal about the importance of our nation's role in tackling climate change.

Shortfalls of Congressional Legislation in the U.S.

In June, the United States House of Representatives passed Reps. Waxman and Markey's American Clean Energy and Security Act (ACES), a bill intended to spur the nation's transition to a clean energy economy and reduce global warming pollution. What should have been a triumph for Americans was instead a bill so watered down by the congressional lackeys for big oil, dirty coal, corporate agribusiness, and Wall Street lobbyists that it falls laughably short of



Friends of the Earth's Erich Pica and Greenpeace's Mary Sweeter on the *Bill Moyers Journal* in July talking about the woefully inadequate House climate bill.

what is needed domestically and globally to address global warming.

Friends of the Earth flew into action as soon as the bill was released, unleashing ads denouncing the corporate polluters that were backing the bill and producing videos (available on YouTube) explaining some of the bill's bigger flaws. Because of our stand against the bill, Erich Pica was invited to appear with Bill Moyers on his show, *Bill Moyers Journal*. For links to more of our media coverage and analysis, visit our website at www.foe.org/global-warming/we-can-do-better.

One of the bill's flaws is that it will create giant, volatile carbon

markets dominated by the same Wall Street banks that brought us the current financial crisis. Michelle Chan, our Senior International Policy Analyst, testified before Congress last spring, warning the House Ways & Means Committee of the threat posed by setting up carbon markets that allow unrestricted trading of carbon offsets, and beseeching the members to keep this in mind as they draw up climate policy.

The bill also fails to include sufficient international climate funding – money that could begin to finance a clean energy transition, repay our “climate debt” and show leadership on international finance.

It is clear that corporate interests are pulling climate policy in the wrong direction, and that special interest lobbyists, managed to substantially weaken the House bill. The bill gives pollution permits worth hundreds of billions away for free to polluting industries, including oil and coal corporations. In fact, giant polluters like Shell Oil, which is investing in the most carbon-intensive oil sources, and Duke Energy,

September 21

Age of Stupid film release in New York City with Kofi Annan.

To Do: Go see the movie in your local theater; you can find out how to get tickets by going to www.foe.org.



September 28 – October 9

Negotiations will continue in Bangkok, Thailand, under the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change.

October 24

The Green the Block Party to Tackle Poverty and Pollution will happen in Washington, DC, along with events around the world to call for action on climate.

To Do: If you live in the DC area, join us (www.350.org/dc)! You can join or create an action near where you live by going to www.350.org.



October 29 – November 4

Negotiations will continue in Barcelona, Spain, under the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change.

China and India: Pieces of the Climate Puzzle

As climate talks progress this year, much will be made of the need for India and China to cut emissions. These nations will likely be blamed for lack of progress and in fact the *New York Times* has already accused these countries of “undercutting the drive to build a global consensus.”

Despite all the criticism, China has arguably outpaced the United States in addressing its own rising emissions. China has implemented aggressive fuel economy standards, passed a renewable energy standard of 15 percent by 2020, agreed to a 20 percent reduction in national energy intensity by 2010, and approved additional energy efficiency measures.

The United States continues to be one of the world’s highest per capita emitters at 23.5 tons per capita, compared to China’s 5.5 tons per person and India’s 1.7 tons per person.¹ Looking at these figures, it is difficult to argue that the United States should not be responding first and fastest to the problem of global warming.

Furthermore, in spite of their size and global presence, China and India are still developing countries trying to catch up with the industrialized world. They can’t be held to the same standards as the United States when large percentages of their populations are still living in abject poverty.

¹ Oxfam Briefing Paper 128. Hang Together or Separately? How global cooperation is key to a fair and adequate climate deal in Copenhagen, p. 9.

Friends of the Earth orchestrated a sign-on letter directed to senators and we now have more than 300 signers on the letter, asking the Senate to create stronger legislation. This is because what Congress decides this fall will ultimately determine how the Obama administration will approach the negotiations in Copenhagen.

President Obama Must Show International Leadership

At the G-8 meeting this July, President Obama acknowledged that as part of the U.S. response to climate change, “Developed countries, like my own, have a historic responsibility to take the lead. We have the much larger carbon footprint per capita. And I know that in the past the United States has sometimes fallen short of meeting our responsibilities. So let me be clear: Those days are over.”

Later in his speech the President announced that G-20 finance ministers have been asked to take up climate financing issues and report back at G-20 meeting in Pittsburgh this September.

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which is trying to build new coal-fired power plants, helped construct the blueprint policy the bill is based on.

The Senate climate debate is now heating up, but unfortunately senators are starting with an

already flawed model. Any climate legislation coming out of Congress must get out from under the weight of the corporate lobbyists who will work at all costs to weaken a bill if only to boost their own profits.

December 7-18

The 15th Conference of the Parties will be held in Copenhagen, Denmark, under the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change.

To Do: Check out our video blogging from Copenhagen at www.foe.org/copenhagen to stay informed on the latest in the climate negotiations. Keep an eye out for e-alerts from us on how you can get more involved.



International campaigners Karen Orenstein (pictured) and Kate Horner reported via video blogs from Bonn, Germany, where the U.S. failed to show leadership during the climate talks.

December 12

Join Friends of the Earth International in ‘flooding’ the streets in Copenhagen with thousands of people in a call for climate justice.

To Do: We will be bringing messages from people all over the world demanding climate justice from the decision makers gathered in Copenhagen. Write your own message – why is climate justice important to you – and send it to us: <http://www.foei.org/en/what-we-do/affected-peoples/global/2009/climate-capsule>

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What the United States says in Pittsburgh is key because thus far the Obama administration's climate negotiating team has refused to acknowledge its moral and legal obligations to support climate solutions elsewhere.

Moving Towards Copenhagen

We need both an international climate agreement and a strong national climate policy.

But fundamentally, we need to achieve real shifts in the way we live and work. To effectively address climate change and reduce poverty, we will need stronger local economies, we will need to shift to eating more food grown locally, we will need to travel by clean alternatives – walking, biking, and public transportation, and we will need to reduce our consumption and

fundamentally alter how we participate in the global marketplace.

The essential shifts in policy needed to tackle climate destabilization are unlikely to happen this year. But the negotiations in Copenhagen will be a critical step in the process, and we will be there demanding that decision makers listen. ○

The DC Environmental Network

NOW IN ITS 14TH YEAR, the DC Environmental Network was founded by Friends of the Earth, the Sierra Club and others on the idea that the nation's capital should be a model of sustainability for the nation. Composed of a coalition of more than 150 local and national organizations, its achievements run the gamut from fighting air and water pollution, to fighting global warming, to protecting parks from Ward 8 to Ward 3. The Network has won more than 25 campaigns. It has:

- Restored curbside recycling for city residents
- Passed the Tree Bill, a law protecting trees with a circumference of 55 inches or greater
- Stopped a \$300 million parking garage that would have promoted driving in the city
- Saved parkland at picturesque Oxen Cove in Ward 8 by blocking a prison from being built along the shore
- Stopped a road from being built in Klinge Valley adjacent to Rock Creek Park
- Campaigned successfully to create the District Department of the Environment
- Helped save Kingman and Heritage Island Islands in the Anacostia River from foolish development and a giveaway of public land
- Stopped the wetland destroying and parkland smashing 6-lane \$200 million Barney Circle Freeway
- Stopped the Cadillac Grand Prix Race from polluting District neighborhoods along the Anacostia River
- Stopped the District government and EPA officials from legalizing dumping of raw sewage into area rivers and creeks and achieved initial funding to fix sewage overflow problem
- Helped pass legislation to protect the Anacostia River by curbing the use of plastic bags by attaching a small fee to their use
- Passed a Clean Air Act Compliance Fee to deter driving into District
- Helped pass cutting edge environmental, housing and jobs creation standards for all new developments built along the Anacostia River
- Passed a Renewable Portfolio Standard to bring more clean energy (wind & solar) to the District
- Helped pass Energy Efficiency Utility legislation in the District to fight global warming
- Passed legislation to re-route dangerous rail cargo out of the District. Helped inspire national re-routing legislation
- Ended coal burning at the Congressional Power Plant in Washington, DC
- Passed Clean Cars legislation to bring California standards to the District ○



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Friends of the Earth: Not Stupid

By Rebecca Connors

A few of us had the opportunity recently to watch a sneak preview of the new film *Age of Stupid*. This movie is an enormously ambitious drama-documentary-animation hybrid that stars Oscar-nominated Pete Postlethwaite as an old man living in the devastated world of 2050. He spends his days watching “archive” footage from 2008 and asking: why didn’t we stop climate change while we had the chance?

The film weaves together six different stories from six different people from six different regions in the world. Through their narratives, we come to see how big the problems are that we face, but the movie also delivers amazing proof



Oscar nominated actor Pete Postlethwaite interacting with the futuristic interface designed specifically for the film by designer Taiyo Nagano.

that small actions do make a difference.

These narratives are interspersed with striking animations describing comparative historical emissions, wars

for resources and other ways that living chained to fossil fuels has damaged our livelihoods.

The archivist becomes our call to action, as he hauntingly asks, “We could have saved ourselves, but we didn’t. It’s amazing. What state of mind were we in, to face extinction and simply shrug it off?”

On September 21st Friends of the Earth attended the New York eco-premiere of the film, where a solar-powered movie tent in Central Park housed celebrities, filmmakers and environmental activists. For information on how and where you can see the film and to learn more, go to www.ageofstupid.net. ○

Celebrate – 40 Years of Environmental Leadership Honor – Dr. Brent Blackwelder, Retiring President of Friends of the Earth Meet – Friends of the Earth’s New President

AFTER NEARLY FORTY YEARS working with Friends of the Earth, Dr. Brent Blackwelder will be retiring during the coming year. Brent’s vision and ability to see emerging opportunities have inspired unique campaigns that have stopped attempts to destroy our rivers, oceans, mountains, air, wildlife and climate. Join us as we celebrate his environmental achievements and introduce the new President of Friends of the Earth.

Proceeds from the event will help support our work.

For more information on sponsoring the event or purchasing tickets, please visit www.foe.org/forty-years or contact Stephanie Lozano at 866-217-8499 ext. 212 or email slozano@foe.org. Tickets are \$125 each. ○

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