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MEDIA ADVISORY — Interfaith Moral Action on Climate’s Action Outside of the Republican Congressional Meeting in Hershey

January 12, 2015 (Washington, D.C.) — To bring attention to the urgent need for action on climate change, [Interfaith Moral Action on Climate](#) (IMAC) will be holding an interfaith service and spiritual procession outside of the Republican Congressional Meeting in Hershey, Pennsylvania at 12pm ET on Thursday, January 15, 2015. This day is also the 86th birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr. Religiously and spiritually rooted Americans of all traditions will gather to attend the service and procession, and will call upon those attending the Republican Congressional meeting to acknowledge and act upon the moral imperative of addressing climate change. 2015 will be a year of unprecedented opportunity for climate action, with international climate talks set to conclude with an agreement in Paris in December, and this event will encourage Republicans in Congress to remember Dr. King’s message of justice, love and concern for “the least of these” when making decisions on climate policies.

While many Republicans in Congress ignore or reject human-driven climate change, [some have acknowledged this increasingly important crisis](#). On Friday, January 9, [IMAC gave a letter](#) to Speaker of the House John Boehner and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, inviting them and all other Congressional Republicans to join the interfaith service and procession. IMAC hopes that the retreat attendees will join them at these specific events, and will stand with the many millions of Americans who want to move away from fracking and intensified use of oil, coal and gas, and toward energy conservation, efficiency and clean, renewable energy.

WHO: IMAC is a collaborative initiative of religious and faith-based leaders, groups and individuals of good will that was created three years ago to lead the moral call to action on climate change.

WHEN: Thursday, January 15, 2015 at 12:00 Noon ET.

WHERE: Outside of the Republican Congressional Meeting, located at The Hershey Lodge, 325 University Drive, Hershey, PA 17033

WHY: Communities in the United States and abroad are already suffering the effects of the climate change, including more frequent and intense weather-related disasters. Ongoing drought, record-breaking Arctic ice melt, and the [likely announcement that 2014 was the hottest year on record](#) all warn us: the disruption of our planet will not wait for our political paralysis to end.

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