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### **Actions in Washington, DC and in Local Communities:**

1. Call on leaders to enact policies that dramatically reduce wasted energy and significantly shift our power supplies to wind, solar, geothermal and other renewable energy sources
2. Call on government officials at all levels to enact policies that help people prepare for and withstand the impacts of climate change.
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