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Dear Supporter,

As we approach Thanksgiving we are very thankful for Friends like you. This year brought unprecedented challenges to our organization. The impacts of the financial crisis have been severe and particularly difficult for non-profit organizations largely dependent on foundation fundraising. Our Coalition was built largely of small groups and individuals struggling to make a difference in their own communities. We do not have wealthy donors on our Board of Directors, but dedicated environmental and social activists who volunteer their time to make the world a better place. Foundations cut their giving in 2009 by as much as 50%; that is if they didn't close their doors altogether.

As a result individual donors are even more critical to our survival. Without your support CEC just cannot continue to tackle the many environmental battles before us. That is why we are appealing to you as a CEC supporter to consider what your support means to us and be as generous as you can. You are traveling the road with us making New York a better place to live, protecting the health of communities, and making our future more sustainable. We really need you!

Last year we told you about the brand new Pollution Prevention Institute we helped establish. That institute helped a brand new company; with an innovative product that helps keep human organs at the right temperature for transport to another person, stay in New York rather than being enticed away to another state. And they have done a number of workshops including a Green Engineering workshop just this fall.

The Governor's Green Purchasing and Sustainability Executive Order that we initiated is transforming State Government, saving money while protecting the environment. Pesticides have been banned in state parks and for use at state facilities and other safer products are now being purchased.

As part of our efforts at Reforming Policies related to toxic chemicals, we have been working on the development of the Interstate Chemicals Clearinghouse with staff from 8 states including New York.

Another major focus has been to advance Zero Waste policies for New York State. Last year we held the first statewide Zero Waste Conference and have been assisting zero waste activists across the state fighting battles against landfills and incinerators. And we have been highlighting the reductions in greenhouse gases that can be achieved through waste reduction, reuse, recycling, and composting.

Please consider providing us with an email address so we can send you regular updates of important environmental news. Please visit our website too at www.cectoxic.org, since we are planning to post our newsletters there as a way of saving paper.

We hope you will decide to support us this year. Foundation support is inadequate to sustain us in all the work we have planned and our members are our strongest supporters and allies.

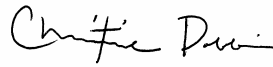
We wish you a wonderful Holiday. Please remember your donation is helpful, no matter how small and donations are fully tax-deductible.

If you already gave a donation recently --Thank you so much and we hope you enjoy our brief newsletter.

Sincerely,



Barbara J. Warren



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