

OCEAN-BASED CLIMATE SOLUTIONS ACT FACT SHEET

As Christians, we have the responsibility of caring for God’s marine creation. There are many ways in which we care for creation, and one of those ways is creating standards of care on a federal level. This is a quick fact sheet breaking down the contents of the Ocean-Based Climate Solutions Act (H.R. 3764), and the ways in which it would help us fulfill our call.

WHAT DOES THIS BILL DO?

- Addresses multiple issues associated with ocean pollution, such as microplastics and fossil fuel byproduct
- Reduces greenhouse gas emissions associated with offshore drilling and pollution from diesel fueled tankers
- Supports ‘blue carbon’, marshes, grasses and mangroves that absorb carbon dioxide, cleaning our air.
- Promotes coastal climate resilience
- Promotes protecting 30% of the U.S. public lands and ocean by 2030
- Develops climate-ready fisheries management plans
- Addresses the ocean health challenges of ocean acidification and harmful algae blooms.

THIS BILL WOULD LEAD TO:

- A reduction of greenhouse gas emissions as we move away from fossil fuels and into renewable energy.
- Protection of existing blue carbon sinks and restoration for degraded blue carbon ecosystems.
- Support of ocean and coastal resilience which protects both human and nonhuman communities along the coasts.



HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?

- 1 Encourage your representative to sign on as a cosponsor of this bill (find your representative at house.gov)
- 2 Ask your representatives to vote for the \$10 billion for coastal resilience funding in the upcoming infrastructure reconciliation package this week and next week.
- 3 Encourage your congregation to get involved in this effort with you. Ex. organize a ‘call in’ day where you all call the office and leave the same message saying you are a constituent in favor of The Ocean-Based Climate Solutions Act and the reconciliation package needs to include \$10 billion allocated for coastal resilience funding.
- 4 Share on social media why your representative should support this bill, be sure to tag your representative and use #Care4Creation, #OceanClimateAction and #BuildBackBetter

PHONE SCRIPT:

Hi, I’m (your name) and I’m a constituent of (Representative’s name). I’m calling to let (representative’s name) know that I would like to see the Ocean-Based Climate Solutions Act (H.R. 3764) passed. As a person of faith, I am concerned with our treatment of the ocean as a part of God’s creation. In particular, I ask the representative to allot \$10 billion to the Coastal Resiliency Fund in the upcoming infrastructure reconciliation package. These are necessary measures to ensure we are taking care of God’s creation and communities. Thank you for your time and have a great day.