

DID YOU KNOW...?

13.8 million U.S. households cannot afford water.

Nearly 12 percent of U.S. households face unaffordable water bills.

Federal assistance to local water systems peaked in 1977. It is 74 percent lower today than it was 40 years ago.

Private water utilities charge 59 percent more per unit of water than publicly owned water systems.

At least 4 million families are being exposed to high levels of lead from drinking water and other sources.

Over 200,000 Native Americans and Alaskan Native Americans lack access to complete plumbing.

In 2016, 540,000 households (1.4 million to 1.7 million people) reported a lack of access to complete plumbing facilities.

Since 1998, there have been 5,712 major oil and gas leaks or ruptures on U.S. pipelines.

The Deepwater Horizon “BP” oil spill accounted for 95 percent of oil spilled in the past 50 years.

There are more than 1,100 coal ash sites throughout the country.

The Department of Defense accounted for more than 70 percent of U.S. total greenhouse gas emissions in in 2016.

When Maria hit Puerto Rico, where the poverty rate was already 43.5 percent, almost the entire island lost access to electricity. Two months later, more than half of the island's residents still lacked power and about nine percent lacked water.

There are more than 32 million people who lack health insurance in the U.S., including 4.6 million Black people, 10.2 million Latinx and 13.6 million Whites.

U.S. spends more per capita on health care than any other country, at approximately \$10,348 per person per year.

Medical debt is the number one cause of personal bankruptcy.

In 2016, 43 percent of adults with health insurance struggled to pay their deductibles, nearly 30 percent had a hard time affording medical bills and 73 percent cut back on basic household needs and food to pay their medical bills.

10,002 people died while waiting for a judge's decision about their disability benefits application in 2017.

THEREFORE WE DEMAND ...

We demand 100 percent clean, renewable energy and a public jobs program to transition to a green economy that will put millions of people in sustainable living wage jobs.

We demand a fully funded public water and sanitation infrastructure that keeps these utilities and services under public control and that prioritize poor, rural and Native communities that have been harmed by polluting and extractive industries.

We demand a ban on fracking, mountaintop removal coal mining, coal ash ponds, and offshore drilling.

We demand a ban on all new pipelines, refineries, and coal, oil, and gas export terminals.

We demand the protection of public lands and the immediate cessation of opening up public lands for polluting and extractive industries.

We demand fully funded public resources and access to mental health professionals and addiction and recovery programs.

We demand the expansion of Medicaid in every state and the protection of Medicare and single-payer universal health care for all.

We demand equal treatment and accessible housing, health care, public transportation, adequate income and services for people with disabilities.

We demand the repeal of the 2017 federal tax law and the reinvestment of those funds into public programs for housing, health care, education, jobs, infrastructure and welfare for the poor.

We demand decent, safe public housing for the poor.

We demand a budget that promotes the general welfare.