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To LisaP Jackson/DC/USEPA/US@EPA
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Subject Princeton Earth Day

Message Body

Dear Dr. Jackson,

On April 20th 2012, Princeton's Environmental Groups, led by SURGE (Students United for a Responsible Global Environment) with the help of Princeton's Sustainability Office will host Princeton's Earth Day celebrations. Every year, Princeton holds Earth Day celebrations to raise awareness about and interest in the pressing issues that face our planet today. Earth Day 2012 will take place on the center lawn of Frist Campus Center, in the middle of Princeton's campus. The location allows for easy visibility and we are expecting a significant attendance both from the Princeton campus and the larger Princeton community.

This year's celebration is unique in that our primary goal is to expose the ways in which climate change does have true, tangible, human consequences. Various estimates suggest we may have as many as 150-200 million climate change refugees by 2050. We believe, however, that this awareness of the true human impacts is still lacking on our campus. We want to emphasize the damage caused by climate change and inspire others to get involved. The event will showcase various student group performances and involve a large photo exhibition of the plight of climate refugees all over the lawn. In addition, this event is a big fundraiser and in keeping with the theme, we will be donating all profits to climate refugees. This year, the theme of our event is the Human Face of Climate Change. We picked this theme prior to researching your film, and were surprised to find out that it is also the tagline for Climate Refugees.

We would absolutely love to have you come speak at our event. We, and the larger Princeton community, would love to listen to your thoughts and insights. It would be truly an honor to have you and we hope to hear from you soon!

Sincerely,

Caroline Jo
Katie Smith
Nora Barnett

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