

Dear APHA Colleague:

The Union of Concerned Scientists (UCS) invites you to join us for a reception at the 2008 APHA meeting:

Meet the Union of Concerned Scientists
Science, Environment, Public Health, & Election 2008

Sunday, October 26 ♦ 5:00 to 6:30 p.m.

Room 28E, San Diego Convention Center

RSVP: <http://www.ucsusa.org/apha>

UCS has long been at the forefront of promoting sound science as a cornerstone for effective public health and environmental policies, and we've redoubled our efforts in the run-up to 2008 election. Enjoy drinks and appetizers while we give you an inside view of our efforts to engage both presidential campaigns. Meet with UCS staff working on global warming, clean energy, clean vehicles, sustainable food production, invasive species, scientific integrity, and nuclear weapons policy, and enjoy a unique, interactive opportunity to make your public health voice heard in the final days of this important campaign season.

We want to hear your views on the election and all of UCS's issues, and learn how we might join forces to more effectively address the public health aspects of these problems.

Current Public Health-Related UCS Initiatives

- Working to ensure strong climate policy to reduce the pollution that causes global warming and protect the health of people in our states and regions,
- Examining the health costs of polluting CAFOs (confined animal feeding operations) and promoting legislation to halt the overuse of medically important antibiotics in these facilities
- Exposing and preventing political interference that undermines public health at the EPA and other agencies
- Establishing stronger protections to reduce toxic pollution and greenhouse gas emissions from California's heavy-duty diesel trucks

About UCS

The Union of Concerned Scientists is a nonprofit partnership of scientists and citizens combining rigorous scientific analysis, innovative policy development, and effective citizen advocacy to achieve practical environmental solutions. Established in 1969, we seek to ensure that all people have clean air, energy, and transportation, as well as food produced in a safe and sustainable manner. We strive for a future that is free from the threats of global warming and nuclear war, and a planet that supports a rich diversity of life. Sound science guides our efforts to secure changes in public policy, corporate practices and consumer choices that will protect and improve the health of our environment. To learn more about our work, visit www.ucsusa.org.

Come help us tell the next President that the best available science must guide key policy choices in these areas. Kindly forward this invitation to your colleagues as well.

Sincerely,

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