



CENTRAL TEXAS – BALCONES



Hello Central Texas – Balcones Chapter,

By now you have probably seen the announcements about the **STEP IT UP CONGRESS!** rallies taking place in San Antonio, Austin and all across the country – 1,289 of them at last count. Perhaps you have noticed the [Spotlight Section](#) on our website, or even visited the [Step It Up website](#). *But did you know that all together, this will be a rally of unprecedented scale?* If you are still wondering whether our local events will have an effect on Congress, please read on.

Here is the deal: we may know the learning curve has started, and many of us are taking personal action despite legislative inaction. But it's time to create public policy that the private sector and public citizenry are already wise to. This is our message to Congress: *Only bold leadership from Washington can drive the large scale changes needed to stave off the catastrophic effects of global warming.*

So far most of our representatives and senators think global warming is a "third-tier" issue for their constituents—they don't know that this is the greatest challenge confronting our civilization. And so they're likely to act too modestly if they act at all—passing some new law that calls for only small cuts in carbon emissions and takes too long to get started. If we allow that to happen, the pressure for change will fade away, and by the time it builds again the scientists might just tell us that it's too late.

It is becoming increasingly clear that we need to do something really **BIG** to convince Congress that this issue is a top priority for their constituents. That is where **STEP IT UP CONGRESS!** steps in, as an historically large scale event. *And this is what we are going to be a part of on April 14, 2007 in Central Texas.*

You might also be wondering if there are any carbon-cutting bills currently being discussed in Congress? The answer is **YES**. In fact there are currently [five bills](#) before our federal legislatures that address Climate Change in some way. Now is the time to show you support of these bills by signing letter to Congress that we will have available at the Rallies.

YOU CAN HELP IN THREE IMPORTANT WAYS in addition to attending the rally:

- 1.) **Print the 8.5" X 11" rally poster and distribute it** to campus bulletin boards, book stores, coffee shops, churches and synagogues, wherever people can see it. [Download here.](#)
- 2.) **Forward this message** to help spread the word. Thanks for your help in this important endeavor.
- 3.) **Sign up on the website** to ensure you are counted in the total. Click on your city below:

Step It Up Austin!

Date: **Saturday April 14, 2007**

Time: **Noon - 2:00 PM**

Location: **Texas State Capitol Building
Austin, TX**

Step It Up San Antonio!

Date: **Saturday April 14, 2007**

Time: **Noon - 2:00 PM**

Location: **Alamo Plaza (In Front of the Alamo)
San Antonio , TX**

Carpool - Ride your bike - Take the bus - Bring your family and friends.
But, whatever you do, don't miss it!

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