Congo Action Now

June 24, 2012

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Facilitator: Pat

Minutes: Kelley

1. Legislation
   1. Updates
      1. On the State level –Congo Conflict Minerals bill (*H3982*)
         1. In Ways and Means Committee of House (WM)
      2. National – Section 1502 of Dodd-Frank
         1. Need for SEC to issue regulations state legislation is based upon
   2. State legislation
      1. Gave out copy of bill, summary, talking points
      2. Need for electronic copies to be sent (Pat will)
      3. Lobby day
         1. Visiting legislators and delivering letters
         2. Wednesday, July 11, 2012 10-12
         3. Keep track of what people say
            1. Contacts with legislators needs to be tracked (Anna’s form)
            2. People need to check in after the visits
      4. Meeting with Marty on Monday, July 9
         1. Kelley, Pat, Germain, Martin, Eric?
      5. Notify cosponsors that the bill is in WM
      6. UU Minister in Haverhill soliciting letters for Dempsey (chair of WM)
         1. Pat and Kelley will work on identifying which letters go where
2. Discussion of the role of Rwanda and how to message
3. Pat will contact Kerry to see if he will sign on letter to SEC
4. Sylvia Brown couldn’t attend meeting but does want to become involved
5. Check-in on tasks from last meeting
   1. Northeastern – no go on coop
      1. UMass possibility? Pat will follow up
   2. Kelley will send out announcement about the bill moving and Lobby Day to the list first and then Pat ask about contacting SEC chair asking to issue regulations, asking Brown to send letter, and including the press release asking them to send to local papers.

**Action Items**

Kelley:

* Will send email to inform supporting organizations that the bill is in House Ways and Means and to invite them to Advocacy Day
* Will compose message for CAN email list to notify that bill is in House Ways and Means and invite to Advocacy Day (send to Pat to send out)
* Will send letters of support to Coleen for website
* Will continue to work on getting meeting with Chairperson Dempsey

Eric:

* Will try to raise concern about 1502 regulations with Elizabeth Warren

Pat:

* Will update bill fact sheet and send copies of it and talking points to Eric
* Will contact Sen. Kerry and ask him to send letter to SEC
* Will follow up with Elizabeth Warren on SEC regulations
* Will look into UMass student project with CAN
* Will send to Eric letter we’ve asked Sen. Brown to sign
* Will send ChimpMail to CAN list about sending letter to SEC chair asking to issue regulations, asking Brown to send letter, and including the press release asking them to send to local papers.
* Will let Maman Jeanne and Mireille know about Advocacy Day
* Will schedule meeting with Governor’s Chief of Staff

Germain:

- Will try to identify supporting organizations in the DRC

Martin, Eric and Etienne:

* Will organize Lynn group for Advocacy Day at State House

Germaine, Pat. Eric, Martin, Kelley:

* Will meet with Marty Walsh on Monday, July 9

Kelley and Pat:

* Will notify *H3962* co-sponsors that bill is now before House Ways and Means Committee

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