



### A TEST OF LEADERSHIP

Global warming is the biggest issue looming in our future. Without effective leadership today, we will be saddled with a harsh climate that will transform our lives forever. Leadership will determine the legacy we leave our children.

The League of Conservation Voters Education Fund's new project will use the upcoming presidential primary process to generate a vigorous national debate on global warming. We will challenge all candidates to demonstrate their leadership by outlining their solutions to the problem. Every presidential candidate needs a clear plan to address global warming.

**How long have we got? We have to stabilize emissions of carbon dioxide within a decade...we don't have much time left.**

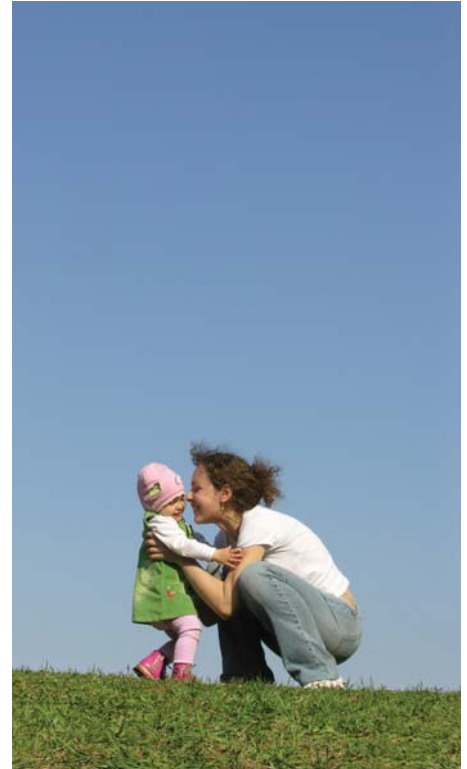
Dr. James Hansen, Director of the NASA  
Goddard Institute for Space Studies



### A GROWING THREAT

Global warming is already occurring. The very fabric of our landscape is changing before our eyes, and Americans everywhere are experiencing it. From record heat waves and devastating droughts to massive floods and intense hurricanes, the changes in the climate have been harsh and at times deadly. Yet this is only the beginning.

Scientists warn that if we do nothing, we will experience even greater harm. From America's productive farmlands to its scenic coasts, the effects would be widespread and the consequences severe. We cannot avoid this responsibility any longer and must begin making significant reductions in carbon emissions immediately.



### THE PROJECT: CREATING A NEW POLITICAL CLIMATE

Partnering with the State Leagues in each of the early voting states—Iowa, New Hampshire, South Carolina, and Nevada—we will undertake an extensive effort to educate and engage caucus goers and primary voters.

Working with citizens in each of these states, we will position global warming as a major test of presidential leadership and character.

We will call on the media, elected officials, opinion leaders, and political donors—all of whom will play a critical role in the 2008 nomination contest—to place the climate crisis at the forefront.

The public is ready to tap America's ingenuity to solve global warming; all that is lacking is national leadership.

