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OSPIRG work helps shape goals for Oregon’s seminal land use planning program (1973-74)

Portland city officials approve OSPIRG-designed bikeway (1973)

PIRGIM study leads Michigan Attorney General to adopt fair advertising guidelines (1973)

State PiRGS’ exposé of flammable children’s sleepwear leads to stronger federal regulation (1973)

CoPIRG helps win law protecting consumers from rental agency rip-offs (1974)

Maine PI RG wins state decision to allow students to vote at their campus addresses (1974)

MPIRG starts first streamwalkers project, Minnesotans Against Pollution (1974)


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VPIRG wins 35 municipal bans on nuclear power and nuclear waste transport within town borders (1977)

VPIRG-sponsored law passes, requiring legislative approval for establishment of a radioactive waste dump in Vermont (1977)

Western MASSPIRG helps win commitments from dam builders to build fish ladders on Connecticut River (1970s)

Legislature passes ConnPIRG-backed bill protecting states’ farmland from development (1978)

MaryPIRG helps repeal Prince George’s County anti-student tenant law (1978)

MASSPIRG drafts new law protecting renter’s security deposits in interest-bearing escrow accounts (1978)

MASSPIRG-authored rules for open-code dating of groceries become law (1978)
MASSPIRG-sponsored reforms of Small Claims Court are signed into law (1978)

MPIRG wins Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness Act in Minnesota (1978)

NJPIRG wins residential solar energy tax incentives law (1978)

NYPIRG defeats anti-consumer product liability legislation (1978)

NYPIRG's Lay Language Law (non-technical language in contracts) goes into effect (1978)

NYPIRG-sponsored Small Claims Court Reform Bill passes (1978)

PIRGIM helps lead effort to win key protections for tenants in Michigan (1978)

VPIRG helps win income tax credits in Vermont for investments in solar energy (1978)

VPIRG helps win Vermont law preventing utilities from charging ratepayers for advertising costs (1978)

VPIRG helps win Vermont's generic drug law (1978)

VPIRG report helps eliminate use of some dioxin-laced herbicides in Vermont (1978)

ConnPIRG helps win Connecticut Bottle Bill (1979)

Maine PIRG opens Consumer Education Resource Center (1979)

MASSPIRG wins solar tax credit law (1979)

MASSPIRG launches Campaign for Safe Energy, raising issue of nuclear power in presidential race (1979)

NJPIRG files successful complaint to stop nauseating odor from Squibb Labs near Rutgers University (1979)

NYPIRG helps win nation's first "Truth in Testing" law (1979)

NYPIRG organizes nation's largest nuclear disarmament rallies in Washington, D.C., and New York City (1979)

PIRGIM sponsors largest rally against nuclear power in Michigan's history (1979)

Legislature passes VPIRG-backed health cost containment bill (1979)

PIRGIM authors Alaska's Open Meetings Act, requiring most governmental meetings to be open to public (1980)

CALPIRG wins regulations requiring condo converters to compensate elderly displaced tenants (1980)

MASSPIRG wins safe energy referendum in 51 Massachusetts communities (1980)

MPIRG wins Minnesota court order preventing dumping of taconite into Lake Superior (1980)

NYPIRG launches Fuel Buyers cooperative to save members money on heating oil (1980)

NYPIRG launches Straphangers Campaign to win transit improvements (1980)

NYPIRG-backed Private Right of Action Law allows consumers to sue businesses for false advertising (1980)

Ohio PIRG helps defeat effort to weaken product liability laws (1980)

State PIRGs win inclusion of safe energy plank in Democratic Party platform (1980)

VPIRG helps win law requiring legislative approval for uranium mining projects (1980)

VPIRG wins Vermont Endangered Species Act (1980)

CALPIRG works in coalition to win Small Claims Court reform law (1981)

MoPIRG blocks Missouri electric utility's proposed $91 million rate hike (1981)

New Jersey Gov. Tom Kean signs NJPIRG-backed state ban on uranium mining (1981)

NYPIRG secures passage of a Utility Bill of Rights, providing protections for utility users (1981)

NYPIRG's Straphangers Campaign helps win five-year multi-billion-dollar mass transit program (1981)

1982-1986

CALPIRG helps win toxics rights-to-know law in San Diego (1982)

CALPIRG works in coalition to win new-car Lemon Law (1982)

ConnPIRG wins nation's first new-car Lemon Law, later a model for national legislation (1982)

MASSPIRG wins voter referendum defending Massachusetts Bottle Bill 59-41 percent (1982)

MASSPIRG advocates lead the state to repeal a student tenant tax (1982)

MASSPIRG helps prevent utilities from getting $115 million subsidy for cancelled nuclear power plant costs (1982)

Minnesota utility must invest $130 million in conservation and pollution control following MPIRG lawsuit (1982)

MPIRG wins Minnesota Acid Deposition Act to curb acid rain, model for parts of U.S. Clean Air Act (1982)

NYPIRG helps organize nuclear disarmament rally drawing more than 1 million people (1982)

NYPIRG wins 10-year campaign for state Bottle Bill (1982)

NYPIRG wins state Toxics Superfund Law (1982)

PIRGIM helps win federal grant for low-cost nighttime public transit program in Michigan (1982)

State PIRGs launch the Fund for Public Interest Research to provide professional support and technical assistance to progressive organizations (1982)

VPIRG helps win low-interest loans for energy conservation retrofits in Vermont (1982)

CALPIRG helps win interest rate ceiling for rental installment purchases (1983)


CALPIRG wins financial aid for students taking admissions test coaching courses (1983)

CALPIRG wins toxics materials community right-to-know law in Santa Cruz County (1983)

Florida PIRG wins law to protect state's drinking water from toxics (1983)

INPIRG helps stop utilities from charging consumers in advance for nuclear power plant construction (1980s)

Iowa PIRG files complaint, halting Cedar Falls nuclear plant construction (1983)

MASSPIRG wins nine-year campaign to stop the Pilgrim II nuclear power plant construction (1983)

MASSPIRG's state Superfund hazardous waste program is signed into law (1983)

MASSPIRG, NYPIRG, OSPIRG, and Florida PIRG win new-car lemon laws (1983)

Worcester City Council approves MASSPIRG-authored smoke detector ordinance (1983)

MontPIRG starts resource program for tenants and landlords (1983)

MoPIRG helps defeat Union Electric's effort to pass costs of nuclear plant to Missouri ratepayers (1983)

MoPIRG spearheads passage of Missouri Superfund Law (1983)

MoPIRG helps stop $500 million nuclear plant bailout (1983)

MontPIRG wins limits on funds candidates can receive from PACs (1983)

NJPIRG helps win New Jersey's Worker Community Right To Know About Toxics Act (1983)

NJPIRG wins first of more than 50 successful Clean Water Act lawsuits (1983)

NYPIRG's Straphangers Campaign helps create statewide Public Transportation Safety Board (1983)

Gov. Cuomo signs NYPIRG-authored Right-to-Know toxics law (1983)

The state PIRGs launch U.S. PIRG, national legislative office (1983)

VPIRG report leads to local bans on radioactive waste transport within town limits (1983)

WashPIRG exposed of mismanaged nuclear power plant construction helps Washington state taxpayers avoid $7.5 billion in bond debt (1983)

CALPIRG wins law banning toxic art supplies in schools and improving labeling (1984)

CoPIRG leads successful campaign for "Motor Voter Initiative" (1984)


Florida PIRG helps win $3.1 million to clean up toxic contamination of farmlands (1984)

Florida PIRG launches Save Our Shores Campaign to ban oil drilling off Florida coasts (1984)
Florida PIRG-sponsored Check Clearing Notification Law is signed by Gov. Bob Graham (1984)

NYPIRG helps win nation's first mandatory seat belt law (1984)

OSPIRG wins initiative creating Oregon's Citizens' Utility Board (CUB) (1984)

PIRGIM helps win Michigan phone company rate hike reduction of $378.5 million (1984)

RIPIRG wins Brown University students' right to register to vote in Providence (1984)

State PIRGs help win lemon laws in Vermont, Colorado and Rhode Island (1984)

The PIRGs' newly launched National Student Campaign for Voter Registration registers 750,000 new student voters in its first year (1984)

U.S. PIRG helps stop FCC from abolishing Fairness Doctrine (1984)


CALPIRG wins law to help ensure car manufacturers must install airbags (1985)

Florida PIRG helps win bottled water labeling law (1985)

Governor signs Generic Drug Law with MASSPIRG's amendments (1985)

MASSPIRG wins independent arbitration board for Lemon Law complaints (1985)

MASSPIRG's Acid Rain Cap-and-Cut Bill is signed into law (1985)

MASSPIRG-authored pollution penalties law empowers state crackdown on illegal dumping (1985)

MASSPIRG-sponsored Check Clearing Law is signed by Gov. Michael Dukakis (1985)

MoPIRG's Community Energy Program helps tenants in Missouri weatherize their apartments (1980s)


NUPIRG-backed law guarantees student representation on Rutgers Board of Regents (1985)

NMPiRG helps win rental security deposit law (1985)

NYPIRG helps defeat bill that would have restricted rights of medical malpractice victims (1985)

OSPIRG spearheads legislative passage of Oregon's Community Right-to-Know and Protection Act (1985)

OSPIRG wins law requiring labeling of toxics in air supplies (1985)

OSPIRG wins package labeling to distinguish analog from digital phones (1985)

RIPIRG-backed Used Car Lemon Law passes in Rhode Island (1985)

State PIRGs and USA for Africa launch National Student Campaign Against Hunger and Homelessness (1985)

State PIRGs help win Superfund laws in Missouri, Vermont and Colorado (1985)

VPIRG leads charge defeating DOE plans to site national nuclear waste dump in Vermont (1985)

VPIRG-backed Community Right-to-Know Law ensures citizens' access to toxics info (1985)

WashPIRG wins $7 million reduction in electric rates for Seattle consumers (1985)

ConnPIRG-sponsored Household Hazardous Waste Cleanup Bill passes (1986)

Florida PIRG wins toxic art supplies safety law (1986)

MASSPIRG wins ballot campaign for hazardous waste cleanup by record margin (1986)


MASSPIRG launches Massachusetts Campaign to Clean Up Hazardous Waste (1986)

MoPIRG helps win limit on bank check holding periods in Missouri (1986)

MPIRG mobilizes 10,000 citizens, stopping proposed federal radioactive waste storage site in Minnesota (1986)

NUPIRG helps win New Jersey's Toxic Contagiase Prevention Act (1986)

NYPIRG helps win Toxic Victims Access to Justice Act (1986)

NYPIRG wins Environmental Quality Bond Act to pay for cleanup of toxic sites (1986)

OSPIRG helps win expansion of Oregon's Public Utilities Commission (1986)

OSPIRG wins initiative banning mandatory local measured phone service in Oregon (1986)

PIRGIM helps win right-to-know law for toxic substances in Michigan workplaces (1986)

U.S. PIRG helps win federal toxics Superfund law (1986)


VPIRG-backed law helps Vermont residents stop pesticide spraying on rights-of-way (1986)

VPIRG-backed Lifeline Rates Law helps low-income consumers maintain phone service (1986)

WashPIRG spearheads referendum enabling citizens to veto Hanford as nation's nuclear dumpsite, if proposed (1986)

1987-1991

Florida PIRG wins one-year moratorium on Gulf Coast drilling (1987)

Iowa PIRG helps win state Groundwater Protection Act (1987)

MaryPIRG helps postpone development of fragile wetlands (1987)

MASSPIRG wins Lemon Law for used cars (1987)

MASSPIRG helps win Truth in Advertising Law for credit card industry (1987)

MPIRG Fair Phones Project helps prevent deregulation of phone service in Minnesota (1987)

NYPIRG advocates passage of Ethics In Government Act (1987)

NYPIRG wins legal challenge against Hercules, Inc. (1987)

MPIRG helps win expansion of Oregon's revolving Door Law, good government reform (1987)

OSPIRG wins Oregon Environmental Cleanup Law, modeled on Superfund (1987)

OSPIRG helps win strict limits on bank check holding periods (1987)

OSPIRG wins credit card solicitation disclosure law, nation's strongest to date (1987)

U.S. PIRG helps win federal limit on bank check holding periods (1987)

U.S. PIRG leads campaign to renew Clean Water Act (1987)

VPIRG helps win Vermont's Comprehensive Solid Waste and Recycling Law (1987)

WISPIRG starts campus hunger cleanup that has raised $70,000 over 15 years (1987)

CoPIRG leads successful campaign to pass Colorado Safe Drinking Water Act (1988)

Florida PIRG wins ban on drilling in state waters (1988)

MaryPIRG helps stop construction of a proposed solid waste incinerator in Prince George's County (1988)

Minnesota ballot initiative establishes PIRG-supported Environmental Trust Fund (1988)

MPIRG helps restore renters' property tax refund in Minnesota (1988)

NJPIRG wins $1.4 million pollution penalty against Hercules, Inc. (1988)

NYPIRG stops proposed milk price hike (1988)

NYPIRG wins comprehensive public financing law in New York City (1988)

PIRGIM helps win ballot initiative allocating $425 million for toxic waste cleanup in Michigan (1988)

U.S. PIRG helps win law to require free disclosure on credit cards, home equity loans (1988)

U.S. PIRG wins labeling law for toxics in art supplies (1988)

VPIRG defeats Vicon rate hike, saving Vermont's electricity customers $46 million (1988)

VPIRG wins Vermont Bottle Bill expansion to include liquor and juice bottles (1988)

WashPIRG helps win referendum creating one of nation's strongest toxic waste cleanup laws (1988)

California adopts CALPIRG-supported minimum recycled content for newspapers (1989)
Illinois PIRG lawsuit wins $50,000 penalty against John Deere Co. for polluting Mississippi River (1989)

MASSPIRG authors and wins passage of Toxics Use Reduction Act (1989)

MASSPIRG opens Consumer Action Center, saving consumers an average of $140,000 each year through present (1989)

MASSPIRG wins precedent-setting settlement tying utility compensation for Pilgrim nuclear plant to safety and reliability performance (1989)

MoPIRG helps win Missouri Safe Drinking Water Act (1989)

MoPIRG wins Missouri Pollution Penalties law (1989)

MPIRG lawsuit reinstates $650,000 in tax credits to Minnesotans who installed solar energy equipment (1989)

NJPIRG helps win tougher state standards for oil transport in New Jersey (1989)

NJPIRG wins $1.2 million fine against Struthers-Dunn in Clean Water Act lawsuit (1989)

NYPIRG helps win Clean Indoor Air Act banning smoking in most public places (1989)

NYPIRG wins two-year extension of item pricing law in NYC (1989)

Ohio PIRG wins lawsuit against GFS Chemical Co. for Clean Air Act violations (1989)

OSPIRG wins law setting standards for organic food labeling (1989)

OSPIRG wins Oregon’s Toxics Use Reduction Act (1989)

State PIRGs release first of annual “Trouble In Toyland” reports, winning more than 110 recalls and enforcement actions by 2002 (1989)

VPIRG wins ozone protection law, banning CFCs in auto air conditioners in Vermont (1989)

WashPIRG helps win Washington law requiring better oversight of pesticide storage and use (1989)

CALPIRG launches Pesticide Watch, whose mission is to end dangerous pesticide use in California (1990)

CALPIRG helps win law defining Toxics Use Reduction and establishing Institute (1990)

CALPIRG helps win law stopping retailers from requiring credit cards for customers paying by check (1990)

ConnPIRG helps win law creating funding to clean up Long Island Sound (1990)

ConnPIRG wins $100,000 Clean Water Act penalty against Strathmore Paper Co. (1990)

Florida PIRG wins ban on offshore drilling in Florida Keys (1990)

MASSPIRG and ConnPIRG help stop Strathmore Paper Co.’s illegal dumping in Connecticut River (1990)

MASSPIRG helps win clean air law adopting tough auto emissions standards (1990)

MASSPIRG wins landmark ruling requiring utilities to consider air pollution costs of new power generation (1990)

MoPIRG helps win Missouri law to label toxic art supplies (1990)

NJPIRG Clean Water Act lawsuit reaches $2.8 million settlement against Exxon in Bayonne, N.J. (1990)

NJPIRG creates Citizens’ Auto Revolt, helping win auto insurance industry reforms (1990)

NJPIRG lawsuit wins $4 million penalty against Powell Duffryn Terminals (1990)

NJPIRG leads coalition effort winning nation’s toughest Clean Water Enforcement Act (1990)

NYPIRG Straphangers Campaign wins right of public participation in MTA meetings (1990)

NYPIRG supports law mandating recycling of ozone-depleting CFCs (1990)

NYPIRG works in coalition that wins lower Hudson River marine habitat protections (1990)

Ohio PIRG Clean Water Act lawsuit against Champion Spark Plug wins $50,000 penalty (1990)

Ohio PIRG wins lawsuit against Wheeling Pittsburgh Steel for illegal dumping in Ohio River (1990)

OSPIRG helps win ban of Styrofoam food containers in Portland (1990)

OSPIRGIM helps win Michigam’s toxic art supply labeling law (1990)

PIRGIM wins nation’s toughest Polluter Pays legislation in Michigan (1990)

The state PIRGs launch the National Environmental Law Center (1990)

U.S. PIRG plays key role in passing strong new federal Clean Air Act (1990)

VPIRG helps win Vermont ban on unregulated disposal of nuclear waste (1990)

CALPIRG helps win auto bumper safety standards (1991)

CALPIRG helps win fiberglass recycling law (1991)

CALPIRG helps win law to keep toxic incinerator ash out of landfills (1991)

CALPIRG helps win law to limit childhood lead exposure (1991)

CALPIRG helps win law to limit pollution testing at public beaches (1992)

CALPIRG helps win law to protect consumers from deceptive car dealer ads (1992)

CALPIRG helps win passage of CD longboxes (1992)

CALPIRG helps win public hearing process for Ward Valley radioactive waste site (1992)

ConnPIRG wins first-in-the-nation toy safety labeling law, a model for national legislation (1992)

CoPIRG helps win Colorado Clean Air Act (1992)

CoPIRG helps win state’s Pollution Prevention Act (1992)

MASSPIRG Clean Water Act lawsuit reaches $250,000 settlement against Kraft General Foods (1992)

MASSPIRG Clean Water Act lawsuit wins $700,000 penalty from ICI Americas (1992)

MASSPIRG helps win Insurance and Privacy Protection Act (1992)

MASSPIRG settles lawsuit against Atlantic Cement to stop illegal pollution of Boston Harbor (1992)

MASSPIRG-backed Massachusetts Citizens for Safe Energy wins shutdown of Yankee Rowe nuclear plant (1992)

MPIRG establishes Minnesota’s first solid waste materials exchange (1992)
CALPIRG work helps win computerized legislative bill tracking system (1993)
CoPIRG convinces newspaper publishers to double use of recycled newpaper (1993)
CoPIRG wins “Buy Recycled” laws in Denver, Greeley and Pueblo (1993)
Florida PIRG helps win “Buy Recycled” law (1993)
General Electric pays $925,000 for Saugus River restoration projects following MASSPIRG Clean Water Act lawsuit (1993)
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NJPIRG wins law more than doubling state-mandated recycling goals (1993)
NYPIRG helps simplify voter registration forms (1993)
NYPIRG helps win $10 billion, five-year transit rebuilding program (1993)
NYPIRG wins Clean Air Compliance Act, facilitating federal Clean Air Act implementation (1993)
Ohio PIRG lawsuit wins $442,000 penalty against GE for Cincinnati River dumping (1993)
OSPIRG wins consumer privacy law protecting against misuse of credit card numbers (1993)
OSPIRG wins law stopping DMV from selling motor vehicle accident records (1993)
OSPIRG helps win adoption of strong recycling standards for rigid plastic packaging (1993)
PIRGIM wins landfill cleanup and curbside recycling programs in Riverview, Michigan (1993)
U.S. PIRG helps lead coalition effort winning “Motor Voter” law (1993)
U.S. PIRG helps win campaign to make federal agencies “Buy Recycled” (1993)
VPIRG helps win program to monitor and control pollution from large industrial facilities in Vermont (1993)
VPIRG helps win Vermont’s Lead Poisoning Prevention Law (1993)
VPIRG wins shutdown of Vicon’s Rutland incinerator and its conversion into recycling plant (1993)
CALPIRG helps defeat Philip Morris’s pro-smoking Proposition 188 (1994)
CALPIRG helps win law blocking new offshore drilling (1994)
CALPIRG successfully fights rollback of state’s Zero-Emission Vehicle program (1994)
Florida PIRG helps stop permitting of proposal to build Florida’s first hazardous waste incinerator (1994)
Florida PIRG wins program to encourage utilities to improve efficiency (1994)
MASSPIRG helps win “Motor Voter” law (1994)
MASSPIRG helps win law to protect citizens from corporate libel suits (1994)
MontPIRG wins ballot initiative setting low campaign contribution limits (1994)
MPIRG helps win nation’s strongest law against SLAPP lawsuits (1994)
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NJPIRG and AmeriCorps launch NJ Water Watch, which has conducted more than 80,000 river cleanups, removed nearly 800 tons of trash, and educated more than 300 river cleanups, removed nearly 800 tons of trash, and educated more than 300 (1994)
NJPIRG helps win sound barriers along Interstate 287 in Somerset County (1994)
NJPIRG wins $4.5 million penalty against Circuit Foil, used to establish NJ Environmental Endowment (1994)
NYPIRG wins ban on tobacco use on all school grounds (1994)
NYPIRG wins expansion of National Voter Registration Act to all state agencies (1994)
NYPIRG wins low-cost checking with Basic Banking Law (1994)
OSPIRG wins ballot initiative setting low limits on contributions to state candidate campaigns (1994)
U.S. PIRG helps win choking hazard toy labeling law (1994)
U.S. PIRG launches Environmental Defense campaign, protecting nation’s core environmental laws from repeated attack (1994-present)
U.S. PIRG successfully lobbies to cut funds for wasteful oil and nuclear programs (1994)
VPIRG helps win five-year moratorium on incinerator construction and licensing in Vermont (1994)
AkPIRG lobbies successfully for safety reforms of Alaska’s public playground system (1995)
CALPIRG helps defeat 100 anti-environmental bills in Legislature (1995)
CALPIRG helps stop rollback of California’s Safe Drinking Water Act (1995)
CALPIRG wins “Buy Recycled” policies in Santa Monica and at UC Davis (1995)
CALPIRG wins $2.2 million from Shell Oil to clean up San Francisco Bay (1995)
CALPIRG wins statewide playground safety standards (1995)
CoPIRG advocacy helps preserve funding for Denver’s light rail system (1995)
CoPIRG sprawl study helps convince state to fund purchase of open spaces (1995)
Legislature passes CoPIRG-backed law to cap telephone rates (1995)
Florida PIRG helps win funding for land purchasing program (1995)
Illinois PIRG wins $1.6 million penalty against Little Calumet River polluter (1995)
MASSPIRG wins law guaranteeing consumers free access to credit reports (1995)
NJPIRG wins $3.65 million in lawsuits against Elf Atochem and Magnesium Elektron (1995)
NJPIRG wins $90 million to stabilize bus and train transit fares (1995)
NYPIRG helps prohibit use of social security numbers as consumer identification (1995)
NYPIRG helps win law against ticket scalping (1995)
OSPIRG wins Oregon Courts Recycling Act, allowing legal briefs to be filed on recycled paper (1995)

NJPIRG lawsuit wins $550,000 pollution penalty against GAF Corporation (1992)
NJPIRG wins $650,000 in settlement of Clean Water Act lawsuit against Arrow Group Industries (1992)
NYPIRG helps stop construction of incinerator in Broome County (1992)
NYPIRG leaders effort winning creation of Citizens’ Utility Board (1992)
NYPIRG-backed law prevents health insurance discrimination against high-risk individuals (1992)
NYPIRG-backed lead screening law passes (1992)
NYPIRG-supported laws penalize tobacco sales to minors (1992)
PennPIRG creates Fuel Buyers cooperative to save consumers money on home heating bills (1992)
State PIRGs help block drilling in Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (1992)
U.S. PIRG helps kill plan to deregulate nuclear waste (1992)
U.S. PIRG helps win law giving states and EPA power to sue federal facilities (1992)
U.S. PIRG successfully defends consumers’ right to sue for harmful products (1992)
U.S. PIRG supports passage of federal home appliance efficiency law (1992)
VPIRG wins Vermont’s Fair Credit Reporting Law (1992)
CALPIRG and city of San Diego win $60,000 penalty against Merck & Co. for Clean Water Act violation (1993)
CALPIRG helps defeat 50 bills to weaken Environmental Quality Act (1993)
CALPIRG helps win law forcing polluters to clean up bays and estuaries (1993)
CALPIRG wins ban on dangerous babywalkers (1993)
CALPIRG wins expansion of “Buy Recycled” law (1993)
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Ohio PIRG lawsuit wins $442,000 penalty against GE for Cincinnati River dumping (1993)
OSPIRG wins consumer privacy law protecting against misuse of credit card numbers (1993)
OSPIRG wins law stopping DMV from selling motor vehicle accident records (1993)
OSPIRG helps win adoption of strong recycling standards for rigid plastic packaging (1993)
PIRGIM wins landfill cleanup and curbside recycling programs in Riverview, Michigan (1993)
U.S. PIRG helps lead coalition effort winning “Motor Voter” law (1993)
U.S. PIRG helps win campaign to make federal agencies “Buy Recycled” (1993)
VPIRG helps win program to monitor and control pollution from large industrial facilities in Vermont (1993)
VPIRG helps win Vermont’s Lead Poisoning Prevention Law (1993)
VPIRG wins shutdown of Vicon’s Rutland incinerator and its conversion into recycling plant (1993)
1996-1998

AxPIRG helps win comprehensive campaign finance reform law (1996)

CoPIRG helps defeat three bills that would have weakened enforcement of electric utility laws (1996)

CoPIRG helps defeat legislative proposal to weaken citizen initiative process (1996)

CoPIRG helps win Public Trust Land Initiative, facilitating protection of open space (1996)

Florida PIRG convinces Dade and Leon counties to adopt “Buy Recycled” policies (1996)

Florida PIRG helps defeat Polluter Secrecy and Immunity Act (1996)

Florida PIRG helps defeat proposal to roll back public financing of campaigns (1996)

Illinois PIRG helps win repeal of anti-recycling incinerator subsidy law (1996)

MaryPIRG helps double acreage of state’s protected wildlands (1996)

MASSPIRG helps recycle 500,000 pounds of newspapers on Boston-area subway platforms (1996)

MASSPIRG helps win River Protection Act (1996)

MASSPIRG wins $176 million rebate to car owners for insurance overcharges (1996)

MASSPIRG wins passage of sale to give consumers profiles of their doctors (1996)

MASSPIRG wins restoration of $100 million in funding to clean up toxic waste sites (1996)


MontPIRG helps win initiative banning corporate funding of ballot initiative campaigns (1996)

MontPIRG stops cement kiln plans to burn hazardous waste (1996)

MoPIRG crafts “Buy Recycled” program adopted by university officials (1996)

MPIRG advocacy helps lay groundwork for minimum wage increase (1996)

MPIRG-authored “Green Labeling Bill” establishes guidelines for environmental marketing claims in Minnesota (1996)

NJPIRG helps win law requiring sidewalks in new developments (1996)

NJPIRG helps to shape and win enactment of the Clean Water/Clean Air Bond Act (1996)

NJPIRG helps win changes in ballot access laws opening up field of candidates (1996)

NJPIRG helps win Patients’ Bill of Rights (1996)

NJPIRG helps win shutdown of Fresh Kills Landfill, world’s largest dump (1996)

NJPIRG helps win the Pesticide Registry Act (1996)

NJPIRG plays key role in preventing opening of Brooklyn Navy Yard incinerator (1996)

NJPIRG-supported law requires banks to provide ATM safety measures (1996)

Ohio PIRG convinces Medina and Cuyahoga counties to “Buy Recycled” (1996)

Ohio PIRG creates River Advocates volunteer program to collect data about waterways (1996)

OSPIRG convinces five local governments to buy recycled (1996)

OSPIRG helps preserve Oregon’s citizen initiative system, defeating Measure 24 (1996)

Pennsylvania implements Clean Water Act program as a result of PennPIRG lawsuit (1996)

State PIRGs help win restoration of $3 billion in funding for student loans (1996)

U.S. PIRG helps cut $16.7 billion in federal subsidies for polluters (1996)

U.S. PIRG helps protect Utah’s Redrock Wilderness (1996)

U.S. PIRG helps strengthen the federal Safe Drinking Water Act (1996)

U.S. PIRG helps win congressional vote to restore $36 million in funding for renewable energy (1996)

U.S. PIRG helps win restoration of $1.25 billion in funding to upgrade drinking water purification systems (1996)

U.S. PIRG helps win consumer rights in credit disputes (1996)


U.S. PIRG wins EPA commitment to close Right-To-Know loopholes (1996)

WashPIRG wins “Buy Recycled” policies in the towns of Edmonds and Sequim (1996)

MaryPIRG helps win removal of anti-consumer provision in mortgage lender law (1997)

NJPIRG and coalition win $15 million in state funding for bridge and highway repair (1997)

NJPIRG helps win law requiring radon testing in child care centers (1997)

NJPIRG helps win law to provide consumers with free copy of credit reports (1997)

NJPIRG wins funding for cleaner natural gas buses (1997)

NMPPIRG helps Albuquerque defend landmark mandatory spending limits (1997)

NYPIRG helps develop NYC Watershed Agreement to protect reservoirs (1997)

NYPIRG helps win $1.4 billion for drinking water quality improvements (1997)

NYPIRG helps win $2.5 million in state funding for enforcement of local tobacco prevention laws (1997)

NYPIRG's Straphangers Campaign plays key role in winning unlimited-ride passes for NYC transit riders (1997)
NYPIRG-backed law mandates computer filing and Internet posting of state campaign contributions (1997)  
Ohio PIRG wins $750,000 water pollution fine against Laidlaw Environmental Services (1997)  
OSPIRG defeats bill to gut Eugene, Oregon’s toxic reporting law (1997)  
PIRGM wins $460,000 in water pollution lawsuit against New Haven Foundry in Macomb, Michigan (1997)  
U.S. PIRG defeats plan to increase political contribution limits (1997)  
U.S. PIRG helps defeat a plan to streamline enforcement of health and safety rules (1997)  
U.S. PIRG helps eliminate subsidies for nuclear research and development (1997)  
U.S. PIRG helps lead effort to strengthen smog and soot standards (1997)  
U.S. PIRG helps maintain moratorium on new mining leases on public lands (1997)  
U.S. PIRG helps stop several federal budget “riders” to rollback environmental and public health protections (1997-2000)  
U.S. PIRG helps win funding for panel to investigate chemical accidents (1997)  
U.S. PIRG helps win presidential veto of plan to pave new roads in wilderness areas (1997)  
U.S. PIRG wins toxic emissions disclosure from seven previously exempt industries (1997)  
VPIRG instigates and wins Vermont’s landmark campaign finance reform law (1997)  
VPIRG-supported law bans forests from aerial spraying of herbicides (1997)  
CALPIRG wins ban of ATM surcharges in Santa Monica and San Francisco (1998)  
CALPIRG wins lawsuit requiring U.S. Army to clean up munitions under Fort Ord (1998)  
CALPIRG report helps win pesticide use reduction in San Francisco public schools (1998)  

NYPIRG helps win law requiring dry cleaners to post prices (1998)  
ConnPIRG helps win moratorium on new asphalt plants (1998)  
CoPIRG helps defeat attack on citizen initiative process (1998)  
CoPIRG helps secure matching funds for commuter and light rail projects in Denver (1998)  
CoPIRG helps win $65 million to preserve open space (1998)  
CoPIRG helps win ballot measure limiting pollution from corporate hog farms (1998)  
CoPIRG helps win inclusion of light rail in Denver’s 20-year transportation plan (1998)  
CoPIRG helps win law to cut Public Service Co.’s soot emissions (1998)  
MaryPIRG helps protect Chapman’s Forest from development (1998)  
MaryPIRG spearheads efforts winning law to reduce pesticide use in schools (1998)  
MASSPIRG helps win law to expedite cleanup of toxic waste sites (1998)  
MASSPIRG wins law to ensure accuracy of check-out scanners (1998)  
MASSPIRG-backed law stops retailers from charging “restocking fees” for returned items (1998)  
MASSPIRG and AmeriCorps launch Massachusetts Community Water Watch, organizing more than 180 cleanups over next four years (1998)  
MPIRG plays major role in securing $4 million for Minnesota’s Greenways and Natural Areas Program (1998)  
NJPIRG and NRDC win $1.3 million lawsuit against NJ Steel for air pollution violations (1998)  
NJPIRG helps stop wasteful highway projects by stopping proposed gas tax hike (1998)  
NJPIRG wins regulations to reduce smog emissions from power plants (1998)  
NJPIRG works in coalition to stall proposed Route 92 highway, protecting open space (1998)  
NJPIRG helps patients win independent review of HMO denials (1998)  

NYPIRG helps win emissions inspection requirement for large trucks and buses (1998)  
NYPIRG strengthens NYC public financing law (1998)  
Ohio PIRG wins legislative campaign for Beach Advisory Bill (1998)  
PennPIRG helps stall reopening of polluting steel mill (1998)  
PennPIRG stops rollback of Pennsylvania’s Automobile Lemon Law (1998)  
PennPIRG wins lawsuit requiring state to facilitate voter registration (1998)  
State PIRGs help convince Congress to lower interest rates on student loans, saving students $1.6 billion (1998)  
State PIRGs help win ombudsman in Dept. of Education to help resolve problems with federal student loans (1998)  
State PIRGs win law requiring colleges to distribute voter registration forms to students (1998)  
U.S. PIRG helps lead effort stopping Congress from increasing timber subsidies (1998)  
U.S. PIRG helps stall plan to ship nuclear waste across country (1998)  
U.S. PIRG helps stop Congress from gutting clean air safeguards for smog and soot pollution (1998)  
U.S. PIRG helps win federal recommendation that parents discard teethers with phthalates (1998)  
U.S. PIRG wins citizens’ right to know more about dioxin and mercury emissions (1998)  
VPIRG helps shut down an unsafe medical waste disposal facility (1998)  
 WashPIRG wins lawsuit requiring ARCO to clean up Harbor Island toxic waste site (1998)
CoPIRG helps win major light-rail expansion (2001)
Florida PIRG helps derail proposals that would promote sprawl (2001)
Florida PIRG helps secure Gulf Power's pledge to spend $126 million on pollution reductions (2001)
Georgia PIRG helps win regulation requiring polluters to label discharge pipes (2001)
Georgia PIRG permit challenge leads to toughest power plant emission standards in Southeast (2001)
Illinois PIRG helps establish process for state adoption of coal plant clean-up standards (2001)
Illinois PIRG helps win rules to protect consumers from predatory payday lending practices (2001)
Illinois PIRG wins law requiring utilities to notify homeowner of mercury spills occurring during gas meter servicing (2001)
Illinois PIRG-supported law helps state stop telephone company fraud (2001)
MaryPIRG convinces state to cut electricity use and purchase renewable energy (2001)
MaryPIRG defeats bill to give tax credits to municipal waste incinerators (2001)
MaryPIRG helps win law to clean up brownfields (2001)
MaryPIRG helps win passage of Gov. Glendening's transit funding initiative (2001)
MaryPIRG leads effort winning tax breaks for construction of energy-efficient buildings (2001)
MaryPIRG report helps win law to reduce use and sale of mercury-containing products in Maryland (2001)
MaryPIRG wins pledge by Baltimore mayor to replace unsafe playgrounds (2001)
MASSPIRG helps convince transit authority to restore Green Line “E” branch in Jamaica Plain (2001)
MASSPIRG helps win minimum renewable energy requirement for Massachusetts energy mix (2001)
MASSPIRG helps win override of governor's proposed $17 million cut in state tobacco control program (2001)
NJPIRG helps win first county bans of political fundraising on county property in Bergen, Gloucester (2001)

NJPIRG-backed law prevents overfishing of bunker fish, important in coastal food chain (2001)

NJPIRG wins law allowing New Jersey consumers to choose electric providers over Internet (2001)

NJPIRG wins Patients’ Bill of Rights for New Jersey, including citizens’ right to sue HMOs (2001)

Coalition including NJPIRG and NYPIRG wins campaign requiring GE to clean up Hudson River PCBs (2001)

NJPIRG helps win removal of two loop roads from Albuquerque’s transportation plan (2001)

NJPIRG leads fight to hold off New Mexico Energy Deregulation (2001)

NYPIRG and asthma activists win emergency room health tracking plan (2001)

NYPIRG helps defend state Superfund cleanup and liability standards (2001)

NYPIRG wins legislation banning self-service tobacco displays (2001)

Ohio PIRG and PIRGIM help win federal two-year moratorium on Great Lakes drilling (2001)

Ohio PIRG helps defeat proposal to keep consumer complaints about phone service secret (2001)

Ohio PIRG wins new privacy safeguards for social security numbers (2001)

OSPIRG defeats bill that would have given tax breaks to Oregon polluters (2001)

OSPIRG helps defend funding for renewable energy and efficiency measures (2001)

OSPIRG stops effort to exempt Oregon’s forests from Roadless Area Conservation Rule (2001)

PennPIRG convences regional transportation authority to use low-sulfur diesel fuel (2001)

PennPIRG stops efforts to roll back state's clean water program (2001)

PennPIRG’s record-setting clean water lawsuit wins $1 million fine against P.H. Glatfelter (2001)

PIRGIIM helps win bill provisions to help control sprawl in Michigan (2001)

State PIrgs help to win $1.7 billion federal financial aid increase (2001)

State PIrgs help win lower interest rates and bigger tax deduction for student loan payments (2001)

U.S. PIRG helps lead fight defeating nomination of Mary Gal as head of federal CPSC (2001)

U.S. PIRG helps reinstate tough limits on arsenic in drinking water (2001)

U.S. PIRG helps win EPA plan to cut diesel emissions (2001)

U.S. PIRG helps win initial funding for environmental health tracking network (2001)

U.S. PIRG wins law requiring more facilities to report lead emissions (2001)

U.S. PIRG work helps win ban on oil drilling in national monuments (2001)

WashPIRG successfully lobbies for strong identity theft protections in Washington (2001)

WashPIRG wins funding to enact persistent bioaccumulative toxins phaseout (2001)

WISPIRG helps defeat law to exempt rent-to-own industry from Wisconsin Consumer Act (2001)

WISPIRG helps stop effort to weaken protections for state forest land (2001)

WISPIRG helps win increased funding for Wisconsin statewide recycling program (2001)

CALPIRG and coalition win law to ensure 20 percent renewable energy by 2017 in California (2002)

CALPIRG helps win Instant Runoff Voting in San Francisco (2002)

CALPIRG helps win law reducing vehicle emissions that cause air pollution and global warming (2002)

 Clarke approves CALPIRG-backed ballot measure to replace punch-card voting machines (2002)

CoPIRG helps win bill allowing Coloradans to vote for major light-rail expansion in the Denver Metro Region (2002)

CoPIRG helps win first-ever state funding of alternative transportation throughout Colorado (2002)

Statewide coalition including ConnPIRG wins cleanup of state’s dirtiest power plants (2002)

Florida PIRG helps stop ChevronTexaco’s proposed drilling rig in federal waters off Florida coast (2002)

Georgia PIRG helps win full funding for new voting equipment (2002)

Georgia PIRG helps win nation’s strongest predatory lending law (2002)

Illinois PIRG helps win legislation to ban state employees from soliciting those they license, regulate, or inspect (2002)

Iowa PIRG helps stop rollback of Bottle Bill (2002)

Iowa PIRG helps win law to protect air and water from livestock pollution (2002)

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MaryPIRG helps win funding for emergency preparedness committees (2002)

MPIRG advocacy helps convince Minnesota’s Xcel Energy to adopt power plant emissions control measures (2002)

MPIRG helps win strict labor standards for companies licensing U. of Minnesota apparel (2002)

MontPIRG helps convince state to reject Northwestern Energy’s supply portfolio (2002)


NCPIRG helps stop polluter rollback of North Carolina’s air quality permit process (2002)

NCPIRG helps win public financing for qualified judicial candidates in North Carolina (2002)

NCPIRG plays instrumental role in winning strong power plant cleanup law in North Carolina (2002)

NCPIRG-backed law cuts $100 million in corporate handouts in North Carolina (2002)

NHPIRG helps win focus on renewables and efficiency in New Hampshire’s first 10-year energy plan (2002)

NJPIRG student chapters win city inspections of rental housing in New Brunswick (2002)


NMPIRG helps win renewable portfolio standard for New Mexico (2002)

NYPIRG blocks effort to weaken Freedom of Information law (2002)

NYPIRG helps win law to prevent predatory lending (2002)

NYPIRG litigation leads to phase-out of polluting power plant in NYC (2002)

NYPIRG wins legislation to allow immigrant residents to pay in-state college tuition (2002)

NYPIRG-supported law helps public colleges choose to sell apparel not made in sweatshops (2002)

Ohio PIRG student activists help win $15 million to move schools off toxic waste dump (2002)

OSPIRG helps win increase of Oregon’s state tobacco tax (2002)

PennPIRG helps double cigarette taxes in Pennsylvania (2002)


PennPIRG helps win anti-sprawl laws to redirect growth into urban areas (2002)

PIRGIM helps win ban on drilling Great Lakes from Michigan’s shoreline (2002)


U.S. PIRG efforts are instrumental in defeat of dirty energy bill (2002)

U.S. PIRG helps win corporate accountability law (2002)

U.S. PIRG helps win critical Senate vote blocking drilling in Arctic Refuge (2002)

VPIRG helps win a major tobacco tax increase in Vermont (2002)

VPIRG wins end to loophole that exempted non-agricultural pesticides from state sales tax (2002)

VPIRG wins U.S. Court of Appeals decision upholding landmark Campaign Finance Reform law (2002)


WashPIRG helps win law restricting insurance company use of credit histories (2002)

WISPIRG helps win nation’s toughest clean water standards to control polluted runoff (2002)