HANDS-ON ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY INTERNSHIPS AVAILABLE

Make a Concrete Impact on Critical Environmental Policy Issues and Gain a Breadth of Valuable Skills:

❖ Learn to Testify Before Legislative and Agency Committees  ❖ Help With Environmental Litigation
❖ Conduct Environmental Policy Research that is Reported on By Major News Media  ❖ Assist Environmental Justice Communities
❖ Help Fight the Current U.S. Administration’s Efforts to Roll Back Climate Change Policy

Committee to Bridge the Gap has been fighting—and winning—environmental battles that have local, national and international impact for nearly half a century. Bridge the Gap was instrumental in, among other accomplishments:

❖ Banning internationally the dumping of radioactive waste in the ocean
❖ Shutting down the dangerous Hanford N-reactor and thereby ending U.S. production of plutonium for nuclear weapons
❖ Closure of the San Onofre Nuclear Power Plant in Southern California and the phase-out of the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Plant and its replacement with renewables, which will make California nuclear free
❖ Disclosure of a long-secret nuclear meltdown at the Department of Energy’s Santa Susana Field Laboratory near Los Angeles and the nuclear site’s subsequent shutdown
❖ Stopping plans to bury radioactive waste in unlined trenches on lands sacred to three Native American tribes near the Colorado River, which could have contaminated the main water source for much of the Southwest for thousands of generations
❖ Prohibiting the use of weapons-grade uranium at reactors where it could be stolen and made into nuclear bombs

The internships will help with current projects such as:

❖ A lawsuit against the California Department of Toxic Substances Control to block its efforts to ship radioactive waste to sites not licensed or designed for such waste, such as Environmental Justice (EJ) communities at Buttonwillow and Kettleman City
❖ Research into and preparation of a report about the state toxics agency’s use of a grossly non-protective cleanup standard for lead contamination in an EJ community in LA affected by pollution from Exide Inc. lead recycler, placing children at risk
❖ Work against the current plan to bury high level radioactive waste from the former San Onofre Nuclear Power Plant on the beach, while also working to prevent its shipment to EJ communities
❖ Continuing our work towards achieving a full cleanup by the polluters of the Santa Susana Field Laboratory, which currently sits in the center of a childhood cancer cluster
❖ A “Silicon Valley Conscience Project” that attempts to raise issues about how Silicon Valley technology contributed to the current situation in Washington that is reversing climate change policy and how Silicon Valley can instead be a strong force to fix the mess it helped facilitate

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A lawsuit against the US Environmental Protection Agency to overturn its new policy increasing the amount of radioactivity permitted in drinking water by factors of thousands.

Research into and preparation of a report about the fabrication of environmental samples and use of improper remediation standards for the cleanup of the radioactive and chemical contamination at the Hunters Point Naval Shipyard in San Francisco, particularly the failures of the party responsible for the contamination (the US Navy), its contractor Tetra Tech, and the oversight agencies (US Environmental Protection Agency, CA Department of Toxic Substance Control, CA Dept. of Public Health).

Former policy research has resulted in significant coverage by major news media outlets, testimony before governmental bodies, and direct help for impacted communities.

At the core of what we seek to disrupt is the unholy alliance between large, powerful polluting interests and “captured” regulatory agencies (captured by the industries they are supposed to regulate), which threatens both public safety and the constitutional rights at the heart of a democratic system.

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Hours worked weekly per intern: 6 hours for 2 units or 15 hours for 5 unit credit. Interns will work in the beautiful redwoods of Ben Lomond, carpooling encouraged. Transportation arrangements can be made with staff if needed. Interns needed for fall, winter, spring, and/or summer quarters.

For further information, see most recent CBG annual newsletter: 2018
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