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VOTE FOR CHANGE TOUR HITS THE ROAD

Artists Unified on Reasons to Vote for Change on November 2nd

Vote for Change kicks-off an 11-state, 33-city tour Friday, October 1st in Pennsylvania when more than 20 artists take to the stage in six cities simultaneously to get out their vote for change message.

"We've got a country that has just veered too far away from basic American values and principles. I really feel this is a crisis in democracy, unlike anything I've quite experienced in my lifetime," said Bruce Springsteen.

Vote for Change artists were brought together by a single idea—the need to make a change in the direction of our country at the federal, state and local levels. The Vote for Change artists assembled a list of reasons why a change of administrations is essential to our nation. These will be handed out to an estimated 280,000 people at the 37 tour stops. The reasons include:

- One million jobs lost and counting, the worst record since the Great Depression
- 1,000 soldiers dead and 7,000 maimed and wounded in Iraq – no weapons of mass destruction, no link between Saddam and 9/11, no plan for getting out
- Biggest budget deficits in history – if you're young, you'll pay for decades
- \$200 billion for Iraq with no end in sight; less money for our local schools, health care and jobs

"We hope our willingness to take our energy to so many parts of the country will help inspire our fellow citizens to take a hard look at what is at stake in these elections and to get involved in trying to move our country in a new direction," said Stone Gossard of Pearl Jam. "Strength and conviction are important only if they are balanced with compassion and wisdom."

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The Vote for Change tour came out of an informal conversation among a handful of artists on how they could make a difference in this year's elections and beyond. This idea has resulted in a first-of-its-kind endeavor where Vote for Change participating artists will focus their energies on the states where the elections are expected to be the closest.

The artist coalition includes Ben Harper and the Innocent Criminals, Bonnie Raitt, Bright Eyes, Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band, Dave Matthews Band, Death Cab for Cutie, Dixie Chicks, Jackson Brown, James Taylor, Jurassic 5, Keb' Mo', Kenny "Babyface" Edmonds, Pearl Jam, R.E.M. and My Morning Jacket. These artists will tour simultaneously in the 11 battleground states as well as the District of Columbia over the course of 15 days with a grand finale set for Oct. 11th in Washington, D.C. All Vote for Change artists are donating their time and talent in support of the tour.

All Vote for Change shows are presented by MoveOn PAC to benefit America Coming Together (ACT).

Background

America Coming Together (ACT)

ACT is the beneficiary of the Vote for Change tour. Unprecedented in scale and strategy, ACT is building the largest voter mobilization effort in the history to elect progressive candidates to federal, state and local offices in November. For more information on ACT and the Vote for Change tour visit www.act04.com.

MoveOn PAC

MoveOn PAC is the presenter of the Vote for Change tour. MoveOn PAC is a 2.75 million-member online grassroots political action committee working to take back our government. By gathering small contributions from ordinary citizens, MoveOn PAC uses the Internet to level the political playing field against corporate money and special interests. Its sister organization, MoveOn.org, gives millions of Americans a voice on issues of war and peace, social justice, media integrity and honesty in government. For more information on MoveOn PAC and the Vote for Change tour, visit www.moveonpac.org.

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