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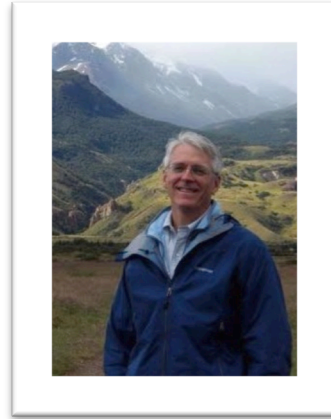
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Peter Lehner is the Executive Director of the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC), one of the nation's leading environmental advocacy organizations. NRDC's 450 lawyers, scientists, policy experts, and other professionals, with the support of more than 1.5 million members and activists, tackle the biggest environmental issues facing the planet today. Peter helps guide NRDC's work to protect communities from the pollution that threatens our air, water, and climate, defend wildlife and wild places, revive our oceans, curb global warming and hasten a clean energy future, and foster the development of sustainable communities.



Peter served as chief of the Environmental Protection Bureau of the New York State Attorney General's office for eight years. He supervised all environmental litigation by the state, prosecuted polluters, defeated many Bush administration efforts to roll back environmental safeguards, and developed innovative multi-state strategies for environmental protection, including cases establishing the authority of the EPA to limit greenhouse gases from power plants and leading to new federal rules limiting smog, soot, and toxic pollution. Previously, Peter created and led the environmental prosecution unit for New York City, including a broad effort to protect the city's harbor and drinking water.

Peter holds an AB in philosophy and mathematics from Harvard College and is an honors graduate of Columbia University Law School, where he taught for many years. He also has extensive experience in sustainable farming and green business.

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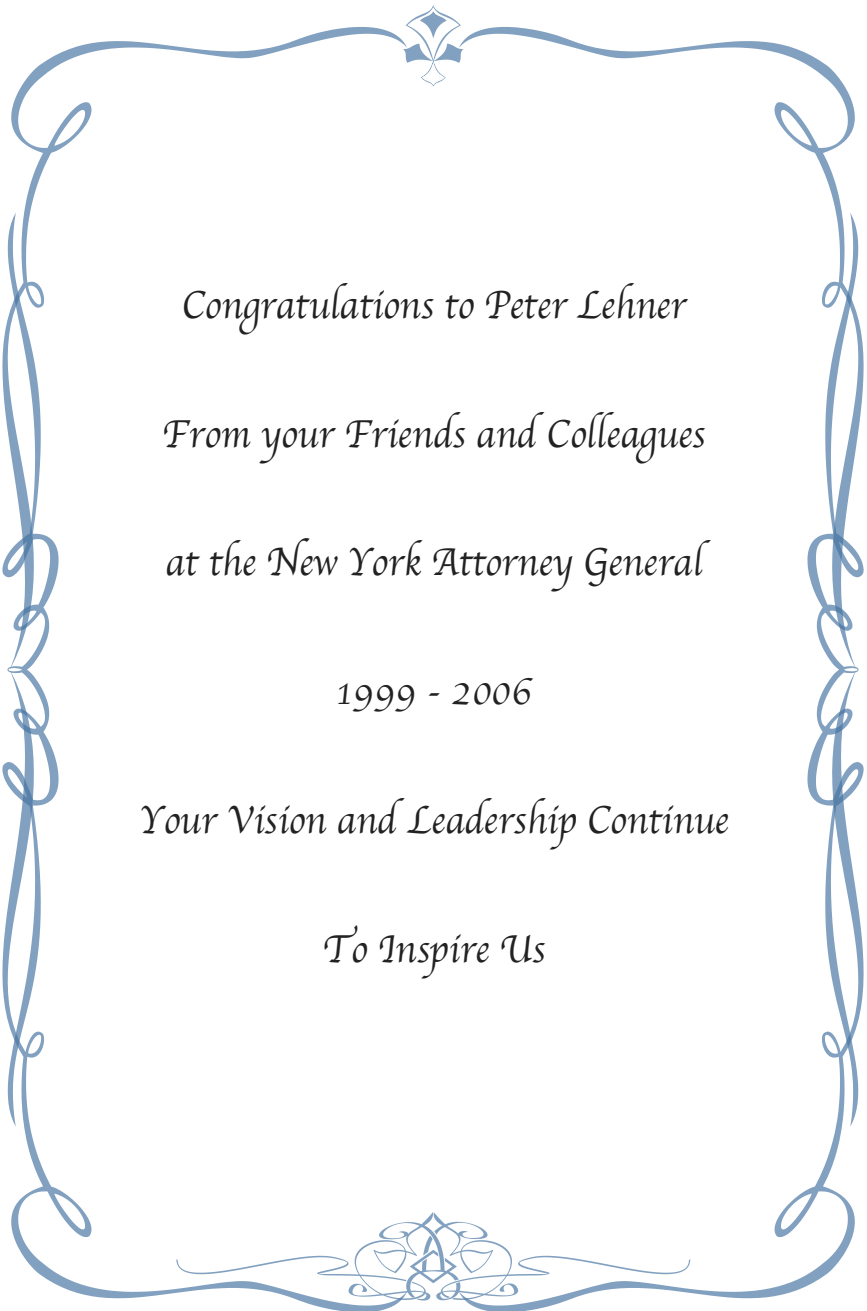
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2013	
American Friends Service Committee	\$2,000
Appalachian Citizens' Law Center	\$15,000
Center for Children's Advocacy	\$8,000
New York Legal Assistance Group	\$15,000
2012	
Alzheimer's Association, NYC Chapter	\$10,064
Centro de Los Derechos del Migrante	\$15,000
Columbia Law School, Student Caravans	\$1,436
Community Legal Services of Philadelphia	\$15,000
Louisiana Coalition for Alternatives to the Death Penalty	\$8,500
2011	
Agudath Israel of America Community Services	\$15,000
Initiative for Medicines, Access and Knowledge (I-MAK)	\$15,000
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Youth Represent	\$10,000
2010	
Centro de Los Derechos del Migrante	\$7,500
Initiative for Medicines, Access, and Knowledge	\$7,500
Make the Road New York	\$15,000
South Texas Civil Rights Project	\$15,000
Women Against Abuse	\$15,000
2009	
Center for Appellate Litigation	\$11,000
Learning Rights Law Center	\$10,000
The Legal Aid Society of Tennessee	\$9,000
National Immigrant Justice Center	\$10,000
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2008	
Shelter Legal Services	\$10,000
Grace Texas	\$15,000
Louisiana Justice System	\$10,000
Post-Katrina Immigrant Legal Needs Survey	\$10,000
Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation	\$5,000
2007	
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Girls Educational and Mentoring Services (GEMS)	\$15,000
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2006	
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The Bronx Defenders, Parent Liaison Institute	\$10,000
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Louisiana Crisis Assistance Center, Black Strikes	\$5,000
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2000	
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1999	
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1998	
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1997	
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1996	
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1995	
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1994	
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1993	
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1992	
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1991	
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1990	
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1989	
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1988	
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1987	
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1986	
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1985	
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1984	
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