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Environmental Justice for All Act

As our nation reckons with systemic racism, our fight for clean air, clean water, and a healthy environment cannot be disentangled from the fight for justice. Environmental racism fuels disparities in environmental and public health and its impacts can be seen across society. Systemic barriers, including redlining, intentional disinvestment, and unregulated pollution, have systematically had devastating impacts on communities of color.

That is why we need comprehensive environmental justice legislation. All people have the right to clean air, clean water, and a healthy environment. But for too many, these rights are still unrealized. That injustice, and the cumulative injustices of housing, economic, education, and health care injustice, and others, mean that millions in America have been ignored by our government for generations.

If we are to achieve justice for all, we must achieve environmental justice for all.

That is why Senator Kamala D. Harris is joining Representative Grijalva, Representative McEachin, and dozens of congressional colleagues, environmental justice groups, and community leaders in introducing the Environmental Justice for All Act. Specifically, the Environmental Justice for All Act:

Amends and Strengthens the Civil Rights Act of 1964

- Prohibits discrimination based on disparate impacts and overturns *Alexander v. Sandoval*.

Requires the Consideration of Cumulative Impacts

- Explicitly adds cumulative impacts in permitting decisions under the Clean Water Act and Clean Air Act.

Codifies the Clinton Administration's Environmental Justice Executive Order

- Creates a working group to ensure compliance and enforcement and develop government-wide strategies.

Reinforces the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

- Requires early and meaningful involvement in actions impacting communities, including Tribes.

Asserts Health Equity

- Funds programs to study potentially harmful products marketed towards women and girls of color.

Provides Outdoor Access for All

- Establishes programs to ensure more equitable access to parks and the outdoors.

Establishes Environmental Justice Grant Programs

- Funds grants for research, education, and projects to address environmental and public health issues.

Ensures a Fair and Just Transition

- Establishes a Federal Energy Transition Economic Development Assistance Fund to support communities and workers as they transition away from fossil fuel-dependent economies.