

As a regional organization working to support clean air, water and land for communities throughout the Gulf South, Healthy Gulf voices our strong support for the Environmental Justice for All Act. It's clear that this piece of legislation was crafted following direct consultation of our nation's environmental leaders and impacted residents. McEachin and Grijalva are doing exactly what elected officials should do, by ensuring that communities closest to the problem have a seat at the table as we develop policy solutions.

Our community partners, who live at the fenceline of polluting industries in Texas and Louisiana, have for decades made clear demands: that our regulatory agencies need to create real opportunities for meaningful community education and engagement around environmental issues. That we must take into account the cumulative impacts of exposure to multiple sources of toxic emissions in the permitting process. That sacred sites, burial grounds and Indigenous land must be protected, and that as we shift away from oil, coal and gas, we must guarantee economic justice for all workers in transition from these industries.

All of these principles are reflected in the Environmental Justice for All Act. This is a comprehensive policy plan that will move our country towards truly guaranteeing what should be the fundamental right of all its residents: to breathe clean air, to drink clean water, and to live and thrive in healthy communities.

Respectfully submitted,
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