

February 14, 2022

The Honorable Raul Grijalva
Chairman
Natural Resources Committee
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Bruce Westerman
Ranking Member
Natural Resources Committee
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Grijalva and Ranking Member Westerman:

We write to offer our strong support for the Environmental Justice for All Act (H.R. 2021) and urge committee members to address environmental injustices by advancing this important legislation. We support this legislation as aligned with our mission centered on creating a just, pollution free energy economy; and grounded in our values of self-determination in Indigenous, low income communities and communities of color.

We strongly support the following central elements in the Act:

- Providing research, education and outreach grants to support community-based projects that address environmental and public health issues in environmental justice communities.
- Addressing cumulative impacts of pollution in permitting decisions and ensuring that permits to facilities demonstrate a reasonable certainty of no harm to human health.
- Directing the federal government and federal agencies to develop environmental justice strategies and regularly report on implementation and progress.
- Supporting communities and workers as they transition away from fossil fuel dependent economies.

We commend all of the environmental justice advocates who contributed to this legislation. We hope committee members engage environmental justice communities as the Environmental Justice for All Act continues its journey through Congress.

Respectfully submitted by


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