

Statement of the Honorable Debbie Dingell
House Committee on Natural Resources
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Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I rise to today to honor the life of our esteemed colleague from Virginia, Mr. Donald McEachin.

Don was an outstanding member of this committee, a dedicated public servant, and a dear friend who will be deeply missed.

Don leaves behind a legacy that's characterized by his unrelenting pursuit for environmental justice and uplifting the voices of communities who are too often left behind.

In particular, Don was at the forefront of addressing the devastating impacts of climate change. I had the honor of working with him on introducing the 100% Clean Economy Act to establish a nationwide goal of achieving a 100% clean energy economy.

This bill was a critical step in propelling our nation toward a clean energy future, and is only one example of the tremendous work Don did throughout his career.

Don was a fierce fighter – not only for his health and his district in Virginia, but for communities across the nation. And he was fighter until the very end.

Throughout it all, Don never lost sight of his focus, and served each and every day with integrity, compassion, and care.

His example is one we can all live by every day – care deeply, fight fervently, and never give up.

It was an honor to serve alongside him, and I look forward to working with you all to continue his legacy of seeking justice for all.

I join my colleagues in extending our deepest sympathies to Don's wife and family, and I am proud to celebrate his life and the immense impact he has made on this committee and our nation.

Thank you and I yield back.