

Stop Environmental Racism, Pass S232/A2212 - July 30, 2020

Thursday July 23, 2020

Dear Members of the NJ State Assembly,

It is long known that communities of color and low-income neighborhoods often bear the greatest burden of pollution and COVID has only exacerbated the problem. This impacts our physical and economic health, quality of life, and ability to thrive, learn, and work.

Unfortunately, the NJ Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) currently does not have a policy in place directing it to review pollution permit applications based on the cumulative impacts of toxic emissions from polluting facilities in a neighborhood.

That's why it's so important that a strong cumulative impacts bill (S232/A2212, [Singleton-Weinberg-Ruiz+2/McKeon-Vainieri Huttle-Timberlake+17](#)) passes the full Assembly on July 30th. This bill has [already passed the full Senate](#) and [the Assembly Environment Committee](#), and has the strong support of [Governor Murphy](#), [Senator Booker](#), [the NJ Urban Mayors Association](#), [Lt. Governor Oliver](#), and [DEP Commissioner McCabe](#).

The bill is on 2nd reading and gives DEP the authority under reasonable circumstances to reduce cumulative disproportionate pollution impacts in environmental justice communities. It is a needed first step in correcting a legacy of environmental racism and injustice by expanding the rights of residents to weigh in on decisions, reducing disproportionate pollution burdens, promoting clean businesses over toxic industries, and making New Jersey a leader in the fight for environmental justice. For more information on the bill, [see the attached FAQ](#).

This bill is long overdue. **We urge you to do everything in your power**, not just voting for but speaking up, **to ensure this bill**, that not only stops future environmental injustice but also begins to reduce existing disproportionate and unfair pollution burdens, **gets on the Governor's desk by July 30th**.

The importance of passing this legislation into law could not be greater as the federal government works to roll back protections. We need our state to step up, be courageous and honor the legacy of John Lewis, civil rights leader and congressman, who passed away last weekend.

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Let's not just say Black Lives Matter, let's mean it, justice delayed is justice denied.

Respectfully,

Ironbound Community Corporation
New Jersey Environmental Justice Alliance
Clean Water Action
32BJ SEIU
BlueWaveNJ
Camden County NAACP Branch # 2080
CWA Local 1036
CWA Local 1081

Fair Share Housing Development
Garden State Equality
Gloucester County NAACP
Housing & Community Development Network of NJ
HPAE
Hudson County Central Labor Council
IFPTE Local 194
Latino Action Network Foundation

Latino Coalition of NJ
 Make the Road New Jersey
 Metuchen-Edison Branch, NAACP
 NAACP Newark NJ
 National Organization for Women of New Jersey
 New Brunswick Area NAACP
 New Jersey Black Issues Convention (NJBIC)
 New Jersey Citizen Action
 New Jersey Institute for Social Justice
 New Jersey Policy Perspective
 New Jersey Working Families
 Salvation and Social Justice
 Southern Burlington County NAACP Environmental
 & Climate Justice Committee
 350NJ Rockland
 Action Together New Jersey
 Africa 400 Years. Org
 African Diaspora for JUSTICE (#AD4Justice)
 American Reentry Initiative
 Anti-Poverty Network of New Jersey
 Archangel Raphael's Mission
 Asbury Park Complete Streets Coalition
 Asbury Park Democratic Committee
 Assoc. of NJ Environmental Commissions (ANJEC)
 Banking on New Jersey
 Bayonne Nature Club
 Bethany Baptist School of Biblical Studies
 Bergen County Green Party
 Bergen County Immigration Strategy Group
 Bergen SWAN
 Bethany Baptist Church
 Beyond The Walls CDC
 Black Human Rights Defender
 Camden Clean Air
 Camden Shade Tree Advisory Board
 CEA Church of God in Christ
 Center for Sustainability at Ramapo College of NJ
 Central Jersey Environmental Defenders
 Central Jersey Coalition Against Endless War
 Central Jersey Environmental Defenders
 Christ Bible Fellowship
 Citizens for Oceanfront Preservation
 Citizens United for Renewable Energy (CURE)
 City of Newark Environmental Commission
 Church of the Atonement
 Clean Ocean Action
 Climate Justice Alliance
 ClumateMama
 Clinton Hill Community Action
 Coalition Against the Pilgrim Pipeline
 Coalition for the Delaware River Watershed
 Coalition to Ban Unsafe Oil Trains
 Coalition to Save South Mountain Reservation
 Community In Action
 Concerned Citizens Coalition of Long Branch
 Delaware Riverkeeper Network
 Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
 DivestNJ Coalition
 Don't Gas the Meadowlands Coalition
 Don't Gas the Pinelands
 Earthjustice
 Ecological Solutions LLC
 Energy Justice Network
 Eglise Baptist de Ebene-zer
 Environment New Jersey
 Environmental Defense Fund
 Env'l. Justice Team - Unitarian Society of Ridgewood
 EraseTheRedline Inc.
 Essex County Federation of Democratic Women
 Evangelical Haitian Church of Jesus Christ
 Evangelical Lutheran Church in America - NJ Synod
 Faith In New Jersey
 Federation of Democractic Women Burlington County
 Fifth and Sixth Ward Neighborhood Association of
 New Brunswick
 First Congregational Church UCC of Park Ridge, NJ
 Food & Water Action
 Footprint to Wings
 Franciscan Response to Fossil Fuel
 Franklin Township (Somerset County) Council
 Franklin Twp (Som Cty) Environmental Comm
 Franklin Twp Environmental Commission
 Franklin Twp. JFK Democratic Club - Somerset, NJ
 Black Issues Convention
 Cooperate Asbury
 Delta Sigma Theta
 Franklin Woman's Club
 Friends of Liberty State Park
 Global Alliance for Incinerator Alternatives
 Good Neighbor Baptist Church

Graceland Gospel Church
Greater Cornerstone Baptist Church
Greater Newark Alliance of Black School Educators
Greater Newark Conservancy
Green Amendments For The Generations
Green Muslims of New Jersey
Green Ridgewood
GreenFaith
Grid Alternatives
Groundwork Elizabeth
Hackensack Riverkeeper
Haitian Church of God of Newark
Haitian Pastors Association
Holy Mountain Church
Homes for all Newark,NJ
Hopewell Township Citizens Against the PennEast Pipeline
HUD Tenants Coalition
I Create Inc
Iota Phi Theta
Indivisible Cranbury
Indivisible NJ 5th District
Indivisible Lambertville/New Hope
Interfaith Action Movement (I AM)
Investor Advocates for Social Justice
Ironbound Superneighborhoods
Jersey Renews Coalition
JOLT USA
Jubilation Choir
L'Eglise Baptist Beracha
La Casa de Don Pedro
League of Women Voters of New Jersey (LWV)
Liberating Word Ministries
Liberty State Park for All
Lincoln Park Coast Cultural District
LWV of Ridgewood
LWV Southern Monmouth County
Lutherans Engaging in Advocacy Ministry
Macedonia Ministries
Midtown Urban Renaissance Corporation
Metropolitan SDA Church
Middletown for Clean Energy
Middlesex County Federation of Democratic Women
Moms Clean Air Force, New Jersey
MoveOn.org Hoboken RESIST
My Daughter Your Daughter, Inc.
Natural Resources Defense Council
Nehemiah Group
Neighborhood Sun Benefit Corp
Neptune City Homeowners
New Beginnings
New Community Corp.
NJ and NY Awareness Project for Climate Justice
New Jersey Appleseed Public Interest Law Center
New Jersey Audubon
New Jersey Bike & Walk Coalition
New Jersey Climate Save
New Jersey Conservation Foundation
NJ Education Association - Essex County Retirees
New Jersey Future
New Garden State, Church of God in Christ
New Jersey Federation of Democratic Women
New Jersey Highlands Coalition
New Jersey League of Conservation Voters
New Jersey Pan-African Chamber of Commerce and Industry
New Jersey Sustainable Business Council
New Jersey Tenants Organization
New Jersey Tree Foundation
NJ-NY Metro Pachamama Alliance Community
New Jersey Youth Climate Strike
New Light Baptist Community Church
Newark Interfaith Alliance
Newark Water Coalition
NJ 11th For Change
NJ Association UCC Social Justice Task Force
NJ Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival
NJ Sierra Club
NJ Sierra Club - NJ Skylands Group
NJ Sierra Club - Raritan Valley Group
NJ Skylands Sunrise Movement Hub
NJ State Industrial Union Council
NJ Student Sustainability Coalition
NJ21United
North Jersey Sierra Club
Northern New Jersey NOW
NY/NJ Baykeeper
Occupy Bergen County
Our Revolution Essex County

Our Revolution Monmouth
Our Revolution Ocean County
Our Revolution Passaic County
OurSociety.org
Pinelands Preservation Alliance
PosiGen Solar
Princeton Progressive Action Group (PPAG)
Rancocas Conservancy
Raritan Borough Environmental Commission
Raritan Headwaters
Raritan Valley Comm. College Environmental Club
Regional Plan Association
Rise to Resilience
Riverkeeper
Roadside International
Rutgers-Camden College Democrats
Rutgers-Newark Students for Justice in Palestine
Rutgers University Students for Environmental
Awareness
Rutgers University Sustainability Coalition
Sacred Heart School
Save Asburys Waterfront
Scott A Weiner Associates LLC
Second Baptist Church Salem NJ
Setting the Captives Free Ministries
Shiloh A.M.E. ZION Church
South Jersey Democratic Socialists of America
South Jersey NOW-Alice Paul Chapter
South Jersey Progressive Democrats
South Ward Environmental Alliance
South Ward Promise Neighborhood
St. Matthew A.M.E. Church
St. Luke AME CHURCH

Sunrise Hunterdon County
Sunrise Movement Montclair
Surfrider Foundation - Jersey Shore Chapter
Surfrider Foundation
Sustainable Jersey City
Teaneck Creek Conservancy
Tracey Stephens Interior Design Inc
Trust for Public Land
The Center for Environmental Transformation
The Climate Mobilization Hoboken Chapter
The Ethical Culture Society of Bergen County
The Land Conservancy of New Jersey
The Moving Forward Network
The Resistance Cafe
The Watershed Institute
The Wei LLC
Trenton Meeting of Friends
Trinity Episcopal Church of Asbury Park
Tristate Transportation Campaign
Unexpected Wildlife Refuge
Unified Vailsburg Services Organization
Unitarian Universalist FaithAction NJ
Unitarian Universalist-Sussex Co. Social Action Team
United Community Corporation
Urban League of Essex County
Vote Solar
Waterfront Alliance
Waterspirit
West Windsor Environmental Club
Westfield 20/20
Wind of the Spirit Immigrant Resource Center
WHYSaveALife Foundation