

Support the Environmental Justice for All Act

For decades, fossil fuel production has negatively impacted lower-income communities and marginalized people across the United States. From historically Black communities in Louisiana to Tribal nations in the desert Southwest, these communities have often been chosen as the location for oil and gas infrastructure, landfills, and hazardous waste dumps. The pollution from these sites degrades the air, water, and land, jeopardizing the human health of these frontline communities. The U.S. government's inadequate response continues to exacerbate injustice and discrimination.

To address these failures, Rep. Raul Grijalva (AZ-03) and Sen. Tammy Duckworth (IL) introduced the Environmental Justice for All Act (H.R. 2021/S. 872). This bill, produced after extensive consultation with environmental justice communities, seeks to address the impact of fossil fuel pollution through enhanced legal protections and enforcement.

The Environmental Justice for All Act includes the following provisions:

- Strengthens the 1964 Civil Rights Act to empower persons to sue for intentional discrimination and amends the Clean Air Act to require an analysis of air pollution in surrounding communities before permits are granted.
- Directs federal agencies to document the environmental and human health risks borne by populations identified by race, national origin, or income and to use that information to determine whether their policies have a negative impact on human or environmental health.
- Authorizes funding to invest in local and state organizations and Indigenous groups on the frontlines of efforts to address the degradation of community health and land due to environmental pollution.

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Please co-sponsor and publicly support the Environmental Justice for All Act; this bill represents an important step toward addressing the long legacy of harm and ensuring the fair treatment of all people. The Environmental Justice for All Act is a strong response to an issue that has burdened communities across the United States for too long.

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