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Moms Join Experts in Arlington to Support New Protections Against Smog

Moms from across the country will travel to Arlington tomorrow to join Texas parents, doctors, clean air experts and other concerned Americans to testify in favor of stronger protections against smog.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is holding three public hearings, including one in Arlington, on a new plan to strengthen the national standard for ground-level ozone, more commonly known as smog. Smog is a dangerous air pollutant that is linked to serious health problems, including asthma attacks, and premature death.

Two members of Moms Clean Air Force will take part in a news conference outside the hearings at 2:00 p.m. tomorrow:

- Nicole Hernandez Hammer, a mom and climate scientist from the Miami, Florida area who was invited to join the First Lady for the State of the Union address last week, and
- Wendy Bredhold, from Evansville, Indiana, who will talk about families in her community who are dealing with asthma, and how smog affects them.

Both moms will be available for interviews tomorrow. Nicole Hernandez Hammer can also do interviews in Spanish. To reach either mom for an interview, contact Molly Rauch at 202-744-4790 or rauchmolly@gmail.com.

What: News conference on the health benefits of the proposed national smog standards

Who: Nicole Hernandez Hammer and Wendy Bredhold of Moms Clean Air Force
    Dr. Susan Pacheco, University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, Pediatric Allergy and Immunology, Houston, Texas
    Dr. John H. Kissel, Internal Medicine, St. Louis, Missouri
    Dr. Robert Haley, University of Texas Southwestern Medical School, Dallas, Texas

Where: Outside of Arlington City Hall
    101 W. Abram Street
    Arlington, TX 76010

When: 2:00 pm tomorrow (Thursday, January 29)

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