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IN NEW VIDEO SERIES, MOMS ACROSS COUNTRY EXPOSE DANGERS OF PROPOSED BUDGET CUTS TO THE EPA AS FUNDING DEADLINE NEARS

Moms Clean Air Force and its partner bring viewers the voices of impacted moms in Virginia, Montana and Missouri to show why families depend on the life-saving agency

WASHINGTON, D.C. – December 19, 2017 – With the December 22 federal government funding deadline looming, Moms Clean Air Force, a community of more than one million moms and dads united against air pollution and the urgent climate change crisis, announces the launch of a new video series featuring timely testimonies from members who depend on environmental and public health programs to keep their families safe.

“These videos serve as a powerful reminder of why American families need clean air and water protections now more than ever; they bring forth the voice not only of moms, but also the voices of those who cannot be heard on their own: children. These testimonies need to be seen and shared widely—in every state and every Congressional District—so that our elected leaders understand that lives are truly on the line,” says co-founder and Senior Director of Moms Clean Air Force, Dominique Browning, a mother of two.

In partnership with Center for American Progress, an independent nonpartisan policy institute dedicated to improving the lives of all Americans, Moms Clean Air Force is pleased to draw attention to a new video series showcasing first-person accounts of why we need to strengthen—not weaken—enforcement of our nation’s bedrock environmental laws including testimonies from these members:

- Alden Cleanthes, Chesapeake, VA: An organizer, publicly appointed local official, and mother, Alden advocates for environmental protections motivated by her son, who suffered from pancreatitis at nine months old, likely due to contaminated
drinking water.
See: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7Ge4DKm0Ugg&feature=youtu.be

- **Melissa Nootz, Livingston, MT:** Melissa, who previously lived in a Superfund site, experienced two miscarriages. Her daughter tested with lead levels in her blood. See: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M_WIEJlBowc&feature=youtu.be

- **Melanie Donnell, Springfield, MO:** A school teacher in Springfield, Melanie and her daughter Vivian, who has cystic fibrosis, are advocating together for clean air. When the air pollution is bad, it makes breathing even more difficult for her daughter. See: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i-WM3BMlky0&feature=youtu.be

**OTHER RESOURCES**

For a video overview of Moms Clean Air Force, go to: http://www.momscleanairforce.org/one-million-moms-video/


Members of the media who are interested in interviews with above-mentioned moms, or learning more about the movement to protect clean air standards, should contact Sasha Tenenbaum at 917.887.0146 or stenenbaum@momscleanairforce.org

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Moms Clean Air Force is a community of over one million moms—and dads—working together to combat air pollution, including the urgent crisis of our changing climate. For more information, go to www.momscleanairforce.org or follow us on Twitter @CleanAirMoms, Instagram @cleanairmoms, or Facebook.