



MEDIA ADVISORY FOR JULY 11, 2019

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AZ MOMS JOIN MEMBERS OF CONGRESS ON CAPITOL HILL AS PART OF SWEEPING MOVEMENT FOR CLIMATE SOLUTIONS

Moms Clean Air Force to Host "Play-In" Demanding Lawmakers Solve our Climate Crisis

(Washington, D.C.) – On Thursday, July 11th, two moms from Arizona will join more than **500 members from over 25 states** to gather at the U.S. Capitol for the **sixth** Moms Clean Air Force "Play-In" for Climate Action and live-streamed press conference. This annual event will showcase visionary leaders including members of the Global Climate Strikes who will join moms and Members of Congress on stage to demand action on climate. Speakers of all generations will be calling on political leadership at all levels to advance solutions to protect our families from the climate crisis. This means 100% clean energy across the entire economy by 2050.

Following the Play-In, the Arizona delegation will head to the Capitol to meet with their members of Congress to share their personal stories and urge their representatives to take action on climate to protect their children's health and future. This year, Arizona has seen more heat and drought, less water, more heat-related deaths, hospital visits, and bigger wildfires from climate change.

Media is invited to schedule interviews with our AZ delegation.

Who:

Selina Mariah Ramirez, her partner Shania and their toddler Mariana live in Pima County in Tucson, Arizona. Selina is a doting mom, community organizer and all-around active person. Pima County **earned a "D"** for having too many days when ozone reached unhealthy levels. Selina and Shania are concerned about the harmful air Mariana and other children breathe. The local state of their air has propelled their interest in fighting for a healthier environment for all children.

Columba Sainz lives in Phoenix, Arizona with her family. She was born and raised on the border of Tijuana, Mexico, and San Diego, California. For the past decade, Columba has worked in the Latina community, with a focus on early childhood education, youth engagement, and faith outreach. As the field organizer for Moms Clean Air Force in Arizona, Columba mobilizes Latina moms through the **Ecomadres** program. As a mother of three, Columba is deeply concerned about the kind of earth her children will inherit if we don't curb our carbon pollution. Columba's views have been featured in outlets such as Telemundo and Univision and in this recent **interview** for Yale Climate Connections.

We also invite media to watch our Play-In press conference live at approximately 10:00 AM ET on July 11th [here](#) where it will be live-streamed on our national Facebook page.

Speakers include:

Keynote speaker Alexandria Villaseñor is a 14-year-old climate justice activist and leading organizer for the ongoing global Fridays for Future Climate Strikes.

Emcee Vanessa Hauc is a Telemundo Network Emmy award-winning journalist

Congresswoman Lisa Blunt Rochester (D-DE At-large)

Senator Tom Carper (D-DE) Chair of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee

Congresswoman Kathy Castor (D-FL 7) Chair of the House Select Committee on the Climate Crisis

Congresswoman Debbie Dingell (D-MI 12)

Congresswoman Deb Haaland (D-NM 1)

Congressman Donald McEachin (D-VA 4)

Congresswoman Kim Schrier (D-WA 8)

Great Grandmother Mary Lyons is a Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe member in Minnesota, UN Indigenous Observer and Author

Rev Michael Malcom, MDiv MBA is the Executive Director of Alabama Interfaith Power and Light

Dominique Browning is Moms Clean Air Force's Co-Founder and Senior Director

Heather McTeer Toney is Moms Clean Air Force's National Field Director

An updated list of speakers can be found [here](#).

Where: The National Mall at Madison Drive NW and 3rd Street NW, Washington D.C. or follow the press conference online [here](#).

When: Thursday, July 11, 2019, from 9:30-11:00 AM (press conference begins at 10:00 AM)

NOTE: **B-roll footage** and **photos** of Play-In available upon request.

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Moms Clean Air Force is a community of over one million moms—and dads—working together to fight 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.