



MEDIA ADVISORY FOR JULY 11, 2019

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CO FAMILIES 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, several Colorado families 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 Colorado 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. Climate **impacts are intensifying in Colorado** and range from increased heat waves and wildfires to shrinking snow packs and an uptick in forest-feasting insects. During this year's legislative session, Colorado passed the state's historic **climate safety action bill**, SB1261.

Media is invited to schedule interviews with our CO delegation.

Who:

- **Shaina Oliver**, mother of four living in Denver, is a member of the Dinè/Navajo tribe. Shaina has long been **outspoken** on why Coloradans need their lawmakers to reduce carbon pollution and address climate change. As an infant, Shaina developed asthma and had to stay indoors when the air quality was particularly bad. This early experience compelled her to want to fight for children's health and the right to breathe clean air. Shaina hopes her advocacy ensures that indigenous voices are represented in advocacy efforts to clean up our air and safeguard our natural resources. As she has said: "I've seen the toll that toxic air pollution takes on families and on communities. It's harmed many generations of Americans, but by speaking out, we can fight to make sure that our kids don't suffer the same consequences." This will be the third Play-In for Shaina and her family.
- **Christine Berg** is mom to two young girls in Lafayette where her commitment to public service runs deep. She served for five years as mayor and for seven years on the city council of the city of Lafayette. Even though Christine's community borders significant oil and gas extraction—with more than 20,000 oil and gas wells in the adjacent county—it champions sustainability thanks in part to her advocacy. She is known for being not only outspoken, but effective, about ensuring that regulations hold polluters

accountable to protect our kids' health. In fact, Christine worked with Moms Clean Air Force members from around Colorado to ensure the passage of SB1261, the state's historic **climate safety action bill** during this year's legislative session. Earlier this year, she **penned an op-ed** in Colorado Politics calling on her Senator Cory Gardner (R-CO) to defend our Mercury and Air Toxics Standards.

- **Salvador Hernandez** is the Colorado State Director for **Mi Familia Vota**, a national non-profit organization working to unite the Latino community and its allies to promote social and economic justice through increased civic participation. Born in Chihuahua, Mexico, Salvador came to the U.S. when he was 15 years-old. Salvador is passionate about environmental justice organizing at the grassroots level in his hometown of Denver, Colorado and well beyond. With his track record of political organizing, running voter registration drives, Get-Out-The-Vote campaigns and citizenship drives, Salvador wants to ensure that Latinos voters look for candidates with strong climate action plans.
- **Carla Castedo** is an immigrant born in Santa Cruz, Bolivia, who moved to the United States, along with her parents and three siblings, when she had just turned 12 years-old. Based in Denver, Carla first became involved in the community to organize for the passage of the DREAM Act. As a recent college graduate, Carla is ready to empower other young people and working families to join her in the environmental justice movement.
- **Karla Chavez** and **Antonio Serrano** have lived in Aurora, Colorado for the last two decades. Born in Arkansas, Karla has lived her entire life in Colorado whereas Antonio is originally from Michoacán, Mexico, and has been a Coloradan for most of his life. Their young daughter Layla who is 3 years old motivates them to fight for environmental justice and actively engage with the **Ecomadres** program. As parents, Karla and Antonio are concerned about the quality of the air and the environment in which their daughter will grow.

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](#).