



MEDIA ADVISORY FOR JULY 11, 2019

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MI 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 Michigan 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 Michigan moms 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 change in Michigan has caused increased rainfall and flooding, putting the Great Lakes under tremendous strain. With increased flooding and the lakes heating up, Michiganders face a greater risk of water-related illnesses from sewage and septic failures and toxic algal blooms.

Media is invited to schedule interviews with our Michigan moms.

Who:

Elizabeth Hauptman is a Brighton-based mom whose school-age son suffers from asthma made worse by rising temperatures. Elizabeth is passionate about reducing her family's carbon footprint whether it's backyard farming or choosing fuel-efficient transport—and when not enjoying the great outdoors with her family, she is an outspoken advocate on behalf of all children. Currently, Elizabeth serves as the Michigan Field Organizer for Moms Clean Air Force.

Nicky Marcot lives in West Detroit with her two young daughters and husband. A former middle-school English teacher and reading specialist, Nicky has long been interested in the power of youth to change their world for the better. It's why she's excited to bring her daughters to the Play-In for Climate Action for the first time—to show them that their family is part of a growing movement to end the same air pollution that makes

climate change worse. In their native Wayne County, the air is **so bad** according to the American Lung Association that it may be putting her family's health at risk.

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](https://twitter.com/CleanAirMoms), Instagram [@cleanairmoms](https://www.instagram.com/cleanairmoms), or Facebook.