



MEDIA ADVISORY FOR JULY 11, 2019

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NY CLIMATE-STRIKING YOUTH AND HER MOM 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, a leader of the Global Climate Strikes movement and her mother, from New York, 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 intergenerational visionary leaders and Members of Congress on stage to demand action on climate. Speakers 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 New York climate-striking youth and her mom 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. New York has been experiencing more frequent extreme weather events, rising temperatures in summer, wildfires, and increased rainfall. Last month the state passed the **most ambitious climate plan** in the country with a commitment to carbon-free electricity by 2040 and a net-zero carbon economy by 2050.

Media is invited to schedule interviews with this recognized climate leader and her mother, who will be keynote speakers at the Play-In.

Who:

Alexandria Villaseñor is a 14 year-old climate activist and Founder of Earth Uprising based out of New York City. Frustrated by the lack of progress at COP 24 (the UN's 2018 global climate conference in Poland), and inspired by 16-year-old Swedish climate activist Greta Thunberg, Alexandria began her own solo weekly school strike for climate in front of UN headquarters in late 2018. She has now been on strike for 30 weeks. Soon after she began, Alexandria became an organizer for Fridays for Future, the first-ever global youth climate strike on March 15, 2019. This historic strike mobilized 1.6 million youth from 123 countries to demand climate action from their world leaders. She continues to organize for national and global climate strikes. For her work, Alexandria was awarded the 2019 Tribeca Film Festival's "Disruptor" Award, "The Common Good" Foundation's

Changemaker Scholarship, the Earth Day Network 2019 Youth Climate Leadership Award, and recently she made Politico's list of top 100 people influential in climate change policy. Alexandria's activism has been profiled in [The Washington Post](#), [Teen Vogue](#) and scores of other news outlets.

Kristin Hogue is a PhD student in Climate Research at UC Davis and Board Chair for Earth Uprising International, a youth-led climate education and direct action non-profit founded by her daughter, Alexandria Villaseñor. Kristin writes for the Earth Institute's website GlacierHub and previously served as a fellow for the UC Davis Office of the President's Carbon Neutrality Initiative where she created humanities based climate change curriculum for undergraduates.

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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