



MEDIA ADVISORY FOR JULY 11, 2019

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VA MOM JOINS 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 mom from Fairfax County and her family 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 VA 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. Families across Virginia are deeply concerned about the connection between climate change and the state's increasingly hotter summers and increased flooding from super-charged coastal storms.

Media is invited to schedule interviews with our VA delegation.

Who:

Sevim Kalyoncu lives with her family in Fairfax County, Virginia. She serves as executive director of Green Muslims, a not-for-profit organization working to connect the American Muslim community with nature and environmental stewardship. At Green Muslims, she also directs **Meaningful Watershed Educational Experiences** (MWEEs) and nature hikes for young families. For Sevim, the experience of motherhood fortified her passion for environmental education and activism. Having grown up in a rural setting, she had developed a spiritual connection with nature at an early age and found herself concerned for children who might not be blessed with the same experience. As a member of Moms Clean Air Force, Sevim is pleased to represent her adopted state of Virginia and speak out about the ways climate change adversely impacts the health of all Virginians.

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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