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MOMS CLEAN AIR FORCE'S NEW MEXICO CHAPTER APPLAUDS THE INTRODUCTION OF THE 100% CLEAN ECONOMY ACT OF 2019

New Mexico Representatives Deb Haaland (NM-01) and Ben Ray Lujan (NM-03) Are Original Co-Sponsors of the Bill

November 21, 2019 – Today, Rep. Donald McEachin (D-VA) with bill co-leads Rep. Paul Tonko (D-NY), **Rep. Debra Haaland** (D-NM), Rep. Debbie Dingell (D-MI), Rep. Earl Blumenauer (D-OR), and Rep. Chellie Pingree (D-ME) and more than 150 co-sponsors, including two representing the state of New Mexico, have introduced the **100% Clean Economy Act of 2019**, a bill designed to complement other legislative proposals to address the climate crisis—and one that sets us on a path to achieve net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050 across all sectors of the economy.

In response to the bill introduction, **Celerah Hewes, New Mexico Field Organizer for Moms Clean Air Force**, issued the following statement:

"The climate crisis is a grave threat to the health and safety of our children, and New Mexico families like mine are already suffering under the weight of health-harming climate impacts like extreme heat, drought, and a heavy monsoon season. While the Trump Administration abdicates responsibility for fighting this crisis by rolling back critical federal methane standards and exiting the Paris Climate Agreement, I am heartened to know that many in Congress, including two of New Mexico's climate leaders, **Rep. Deb Haaland** and **Rep. Ben Ray Lujan**, are making strides to protect our children from the worst harms of climate change. I applaud this bill and am grateful to the legislators sponsoring it.

"It is worth noting that today's federal action complements state-level progress that moves us in a similar and necessary direction, including Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham's landmark Energy Transition Act. New Mexicans are proud to know their governor and congressional delegations are collectively moving in the right direction to combat the climate crisis. They are standing up for our kids and their future."

Note to Editors:

- 1. For images related to the 100% clean economy vision (including photos of bill co-leads and other supporters) that can be used in your reporting, see our photo gallery here.
- 2. For more background on the need for a 100% Clean Energy Economy, see our Q&A here.

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About Moms Clean Air Force:

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.

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