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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
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RE: Urge Passage of Environmental Justice for All Act to Honor Congressman McEachin

Dear Speaker Pelosi, Majority Leader Hoyer, Whip Clyburn, and Chair Grijalva:

The Democratic members of the Select Committee on the Climate Crisis are mourning the loss of our colleague, Congressman A. Donald McEachin, who passed away on November 28<sup>th</sup> after a long, courageous battle with cancer.

As a member of the Select Committee since its formation in 2019, Congressman McEachin served with honor, distinction, and a profound commitment to environmental justice. He fought throughout his career in public service to reduce pollution and secure clean air and water for every American, especially those living in communities disproportionately harmed by the climate crisis. He was a guiding light and led the way on a path towards equity and smart policy to remedy the burden of pollution on people's lives.

Congressman McEachin and House Committee on Natural Resources Chair Raúl Grijalva led a historic movement in the Congress to bring new voices into the legislative process, listening directly to the needs of communities of color, Tribes, low-income communities, and other vulnerable Americans. This movement brought us the community-led Environmental Justice for All Act (H.R. 2021), a comprehensive bill that would combat environmental injustice and empower communities across the United States, making sure they reap the benefits of the clean energy economy. Together, their work has brought environmental justice to the forefront of federal policymaking. Building on this incredible foundation, the Select Committee integrated environmental justice into the heart of our Climate Crisis Action Plan and the 2020 Majority Staff report, *Solving the Climate Crisis: The Congressional Action Plan for a Clean Energy Economy and a Healthy, Resilient, and Just America*.

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The Environmental Justice for All Act would direct federal agencies to develop environmental justice strategies and provide meaningful community involvement opportunities through the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA); require consideration of cumulative impacts in permitting decisions; fund grant programs to investigate the safety of personal and child care products and to address environmental and public health issues in environmental justice communities; support more equitable access to recreational opportunities; and establish a Federal Energy Transition Economic Development Assistance Fund.

This bill, sponsored by 108 Members of Congress, was marked up and reported favorably from the Natural Resources Committee on July 27. We urge the House of Representatives to pass the Environmental Justice for All Act before the end of the 117<sup>th</sup> Congress to honor Donald's legacy and empower vulnerable communities across the United States.

We know that Congressman McEachin's legacy of service and the love he shared for his community will be a comfort to all.

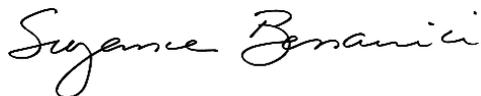
Sincerely,



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