

Senator Kamala Harris
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Dear Senator Harris,

In this month, we celebrate the 50th anniversary of Earth Day. As your constituent, I am asking that you fight for environmental justice. It is a basic human right to be free from pollution so we can enjoy a productive life, good health, and safe food, water and air.

Allowing industrial facilities to spew more toxic pollutants like arsenic, mercury & lead into the air is like pouring sewage into our neighborhoods & pumping poisons into our bodies. This administration has thrown out commonsense restrictions on pollutants, allowed industrial intrusions on protected land, and gutted critical climate protections, contrary to established laws and current science.

In the past three years there have been almost 100 rollbacks of federal environmental protections. Some examples that are especially worrisome to me include:

- Loosening rules designed to limit toxic emissions from major industrial polluters.
- Revoking the Federal Sustainability Plan (Order 13693) to cut federal government greenhouse emissions
- Eliminating requirements that oil and gas companies detect and fix methane leaks
- Rolling back regulations on dumping into waterways and the fracking pollution of groundwater.
- Repealing the Stream Protection Rule which required the restoration of the stream area to original ecological condition after mining.
- Weakening the regulations of asbestos, a known carcinogen and refused to ban chlorpyrifos, known to cause serious health problems in children.
- Opening millions of acres of public land and water to drilling.

I am concerned that many of these rollbacks will also cause a serious problem for worldwide climate change. I want responsible management and stewardship of our environment now!

Thank you for your attention to these matters. I am counting on you to advocate for our environment, our human rights, and our wellbeing.

Sincerely,

_____, living at this address _____

Signed _____

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