

January 25, 2024

President Joseph R. Biden Jr.  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Biden,

We sincerely appreciate your administration's commitment to environmental justice and combating the climate crisis. However, while acknowledging these significant achievements, we strongly urge further action to address the escalating freight sector impacts on vulnerable communities and the climate. To that end, we request you commit to a 100% zero-emission freight industry and establish a frontline-led process for realizing this commitment. This letter, led by the Moving Forward Network (MFN), includes the following groups: Air Alliance Houston, Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice, Central California Asthma Collaborative, Central Valley Air Quality Coalition, Citizens for a Sustainable Future, CleanAirNow, Clean Water Action, Duwamish River Community Coalition, Earthjustice, East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice, Greater Frenchtown Revitalization Council, GreenLatinos, Harambee House/Citizens for Environmental Justice, Ironbound Community Corporation, Little Village Environmental Justice Organization, Mobile Environmental Justice Action Coalition, Natural Resource Defense Council, New Jersey Environmental Justice Alliance (NJEJA), People's Collective for Environmental Justice, Regional Asthma Management & Prevention (RAMP), Respiratory Health Association, ReThink Energy Florida, Solutionary Rail, South Ward Environmental Alliance, Southwest Detroit Environmental Vision, Sustainability Action Network, Tallahassee Food Network, Texas Environmental Justice Advocacy Services, Warehouse Workers for Justice, West Long Beach Association, Union of Concerned Scientists and is endorsed by 23 organizations from across the country. Together, we represent millions of members and are deeply committed to environmental justice and transforming our nation's freight industry. We request two pivotal actions from your administration to meet this urgent need:

1. **Commit to a 100% Zero-Emission Freight Industry:** We urge you to publicly declare a national goal of transitioning to a 100% zero-emission freight industry. This necessary step will address the climate crisis and improve air quality, particularly in overburdened communities disproportionately affected by freight-related pollution. This should include developing a comprehensive strategy for building a national charging system across major freight corridors. This commitment must include guaranteed emission reductions in environmental justice communities. This commitment aligns with your vision of prioritizing environmental justice communities as well as a clean energy future and sets a clear direction for industry and policymakers.
2. **Pursue an Environmental Justice Centered Zero-Emission Freight Strategy:** We propose the organization of an environmental justice centered roundtable by the end of August 2024. This roundtable should involve key stakeholders – including community leaders, policymakers, organized labor, environmentalists, public health experts, and scientists – to identify immediate next steps and inform a comprehensive strategy to achieve the zero-emission freight goal. This initiative would exemplify your commitment to inclusive governance and ensure that the voices of those most impacted by freight pollution are at the forefront of policymaking.

These actions are vital, as evidenced by MFN's extensively detailed communications to the Environmental Protection Agency dated [October 26, 2021](#), [May 15, 2022](#), [November 17, 2022](#), and [June 15, 2023](#). These letters highlight the dire need for aggressive action in advancing zero-emission solutions across the freight sector and the importance of prioritizing environmental justice in this transition.

A commitment to a 100% zero-emission freight sector, underpinned by a justice-centered strategy, will enhance our nation's environmental and public health and bolster economic growth by advancing green technologies and job creation.

We are at a pivotal moment, and your administration can set a transformative course for environmental justice and climate action. We are eager to support and engage in these initiatives and await your affirmative response. For any questions and next steps, please contact Molly Greenberg, Moving Forward Network Campaign Manager, at [greenbergm@oxy.edu](mailto:greenbergm@oxy.edu) or 732-986-4840.

Sincerely,

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