

**ANJEC - BlueWaveNJ – Clean Ocean Action\* – Clean Water Action - CWA Locals 1036 & 1081 - Delaware Riverkeeper Network - District 11 For Change - Environment NJ - Food & Water Watch - Great Swamp Watershed Assoc. - La Casa De Don Pedro - League of Women Voters of NJ - NJ Audubon Society - NJ Citizen Action - NJ Conservation Foundation - NJ Envi. Lobby - NJ Highlands Coal. - NJ Industrial Union Council - NJ League of Conservation Voters - NJ Policy Perspective - NJ Tenants' Org. - NJ Work Environment Council - NJ Working Families Alliance - NY NJ Baykeeper - OUR NJ - Pinelands Preservation Alliance - Raritan Headwaters – Save Barnegat Bay\* - Sierra Club NJ Chapter - Stony Brook Millstone Watershed Assoc.**

Friday, June 9, 2017\*

Dear Congressman Frelinghuysen,

We write as constituents of NJ's 11th Congressional District (CD), representatives of 29 groups whose membership includes tens of thousands of your constituents, and New Jersey residents you represent as a member of the US House of Representatives and chair of its Appropriations Committee to request a meeting with you before it is too late to discuss, and urge you to take a strong leadership role in stopping, the Trump Administration's proposed and absolutely devastating cuts to critical environmental, energy, and public health programs that protect clean air and water and provide public safety against property damage from extreme weather in your district and beyond.

The proposed cuts are so severe in their depth and breadth, even if partially scaled back, that they will roll back 47 years of progress and decimate core environmental protections. New Jersey will be especially hard hit because roughly 30% (\$190+ million) of NJDEP's funding comes from federal sources, and the environment is one of the few areas where New Jersey gets a fairer share of federal resources. Among our gravest concerns in the proposed FY2018 budget are:

- The 31% cut overall to USEPA (\$2.6 billion) including the total elimination of the Lead Risk Reduction Program, Office of Environmental Justice, Chemical Safety Board, National Estuary and NJ Sea Grant Program (including for Barnegat Bay, Delaware Bay and the NY-NJ Harbor & Estuary Program), and BEACH water quality testing.
- Specific cuts to core USEPA programs -- state grants (50%), clean air (41%, \$160 million), clean water (37%, \$320 million), and Superfund (30%, \$330 million, NJ has the most Superfund sites [100+] in the country).
- 69% cut to US Dept. of Energy's Office of Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy (\$636 million) and offshore wind and solar power subsidies and tax credit programs.
- The total elimination of Energy Star (\$493 million), Green Climate Fund and Global Climate Change Initiative (\$1.59 billion), Advance Research Projects Agency, and Advanced Technology Vehicle Manufacturing loans (\$398 million).
- Pushing seismic testing in the Atlantic, opening up Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) for oil drilling, selling half of the nation's Strategic Petroleum Reserve (687.7 million barrels) and reviving Yucca Mountain Nuclear Waste Repository.

As chair of the House Appropriations Committee and lifelong New Jerseyan whose family has helped lead this country for generations, you are uniquely positioned to be a

difference maker in stopping these devastating cuts.

Please contact John Reichman at [reichman@wmllp.com](mailto:reichman@wmllp.com) or [917.626.8025](tel:917.626.8025) at your earliest convenience with available dates, times and locations for the meeting to occur before the critical votes on the FY2018 USEPA and Department of Energy budgets, and how many persons you can accommodate (5-10 would be ideal).

We look forward to meeting with you.

Sincerely,

John Reichman, Montclair resident and Environment Committee Co-Chair  
Blue Wave NJ with ~1,600 members in the 11th CD

David Pringle, NJ Campaign Dir. & Alyssa Bradley, Morristown resident/Energy Orgnr.  
Clean Water Action with ~15,000 members in the 11th CD

Elizabeth Juviler, Montclair resident and Co-Founder  
District 11 For Change with ~6,400 members in the 11th CD

Doug O'Malley, State Director  
Environment NJ with ~7,000 members in the 11th CD

Phyllis Salowe-Kaye, West Orange resident and Executive Director  
NJ Citizen Action with ~2,000 members in the 11th CD

Jeff Tittel, State Director  
Sierra Club - NJ Chapter with ~7,500 members in the 11th CD

Jennifer M. Coffey, Executive Director  
Assoc. of NJ Environmental Commissions (ANJEC) with ~500 members in the 11th CD

Adam Liebttag, President  
Communication Workers of America Local 1036

David Weiner, President  
Communication Workers of America Local 1081

Maya K. Van Rossum, The Delaware Riverkeeper and Executive Director  
Delaware Riverkeeper Network

Wenonah Hauter, Executive Director  
Food & Water Watch with 5,660 members in the 11th CD

Sally Rubin, Executive Director  
Great Swamp Watershed Association

Raymond Ocasio, Executive Director  
La Casa De Don Pedro

Jesse Burns, Executive Director  
League of Women Voters of New Jersey with 8 chapters in the 11th CD

Eric Stiles, President  
NJ Audubon Society

Alison Mitchell, Policy Director  
NJ Conservation Foundation

Noemi de la Puente  
NJ Environmental Lobby

Julia Somers, 11th CD resident and Executive Director  
NJ Highlands Coalition

Carol Gay, President  
NJ Industrial Unions Council with ~10,000 members in the 11th CD

Ed Potosnak, Executive Director  
NJ League of Conservation Voters

Gordon MacInnes, 11th CD resident and President  
NJ Policy Perspective

Matt Shapiro, President  
NJ Tenants Association

Dan Fatton, Executive Director  
NJ Work Environment Council with ~500 members in the 11th CD

Analilia Mejia, Executive Director  
NJ Working Families Alliance with ~4,000 members in the 11th CD

Debbie Mans, Baykeeper & Executive Director  
NY/NJ Baykeeper

Diane Douthat  
OUR New Jersey

Jaclyn Rhodes, Assistant Executive Director  
Pinelands Preservation Alliance

William S. Kibler, Director of Policy  
Raritan Headwaters with ~200 members in the 11th CD

Mike Pisauro, Policy Director  
Stony Brook Millstone Watershed Association

\* Clean Ocean Action and Save Barnegat Bay signed on June 12, 2017