

*****MEDIA AVAILABILITY – MONDAY, MARCH 18 AT 3:00PM*****

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**Senator Carper and Community Leaders From Across the Country
Voice Opposition to Andrew Wheeler's Proposed Dismantling of the
Mercury and Air Toxics Standards**

(WASHINGTON, D.C.) – On **Monday, March 18 at 3:00PM**, Senator Carper will be joined by leaders from the environmental, health, faith, outdoor, and environmental justice communities for a media availability where they will voice their opposition to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Andrew Wheeler's efforts to dismantle the Mercury and Air Toxics Standards – lifesaving protections against dangerous mercury, soot, and other toxic air pollutants released from coal- and oil-burning power plants. This media availability is happening the day of the only public hearing EPA is holding on the proposed plan to undermine the mercury standards.

Leaders from across the country are traveling to DC to speak out against Wheeler's "Poison Plan," a proposal that would be particularly detrimental to the health of pregnant women, infants, children, and communities of color who most frequently experience the impacts of mercury pollution in the form of brain damage, damage to the nervous system and fetal development. The MATS were [projected by EPA](#) to annually avoid up to 11,000 premature deaths, nearly 5,000 heart attacks, 130,000 asthma attacks, and 5,700 hospital and emergency room visits.

WHO:

- Senator Tom Carper (D-DE)
- Trisha Sheehan, National Field Manager at Moms Clean Air Force
- Mustafa Santiago Ali, Vice President for Environmental Justice, Climate and Community Revitalization at National Wildlife Federation
- Reverend Mitch Hescox, President & CEO of Evangelical Environmental Network
- Dr. Elena Rios, President and CEO of the National Hispanic Medical Association

- Mark Magaña, Founding President & CEO of GreenLatinos
- Loren Blackford, Sierra Club President
- Katie Huffling, Executive Director of Alliance of Nurses for Healthy Environments
- Kerene Tayloe, Director of Federal Legislative Affairs for WE ACT for Environmental Justice

WHEN:

Monday, March 18

3:00PM ET

WHERE:

1201 Constitution Ave NW

Washington, DC 20010

*Remarks will be livestreamed for press unable to attend in person.

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