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Alaska's Brooks Range marks a transition from the forested taiga to the tundra of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Earthjustice, in coordination with our clients and allies, defends the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge from fossil fuel development. *Kiliii Yuyan* 



### A Letter from Our President and Board Chair

Over the last year, we saw climate action accelerate. Decision-makers are embracing policy innovation at a pace we have never seen before, and we are witnessing real-time construction of a new, clean economy. But even as ambition rises, we are not moving fast enough to meet our climate deadlines and address our intertwined crises for water and biodiversity.

The Earth has never needed good lawyers more — to strengthen laws, drive solutions in the U.S. and abroad, and block the bad ideas that will hold us back. As the U.S. Supreme Court targets bedrock environmental laws and the powers of Congress and the President to run a modern government, we are executing on a nationwide strategy to develop the law as favorably as we can while also building support for legislative repair.

In this extremely challenging time, your support helps us do more. We are putting your generous donations to work in 1,772 active matters on behalf of 657 clients.

With your help, Earthjustice staff are driving the essential transition to clean energy in states across the country and in key regions globally, including Latin America, Australia, Indonesia, and Africa. This is roll-up-your-sleeves work to retire dirty power plants and eliminate the barriers to building transmission and other clean energy infrastructure quickly. This is vanguard work to zero out emissions from cars, trucks, buses, rail ports, buildings, and heavy industry. This is hard-fought work to block fossil fuels expansion. With your help, we are making historic progress in curbing deadly pollution and keeping people safe from toxic chemicals, including lead, PFAS, and cancercausing petrochemicals. And we are winning longstanding battles for precious places including the Tongass, Bristol Bay, and the Boundary Waters, while expanding our work to preserve and restore healthy ecosystems and species abundance.

Across the board, we are making gains because we have the honor of representing extraordinary clients and coalitions, always for free. With your help, we have the privilege to work with so many leaders who are making a difference, and that is the inspiration that drives us.

Thank you for your confidence in Earthjustice.

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**Abigail Dillen** President **Stuart Clarke** Chair of the

Board of Trustees

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Abigail Dillen and Stuart Clarke Eric Swanson for Earthjustice

# Healthy Communities

In the future we are building, laws and regulations will deliver real-world health protections for everyone. Earthjustice and our partners work tirelessly for legal standards that make people of all races, nationalities, and income levels equally safe from toxic exposure. We are building a future where justice is truly for all.

The now-closed Waukegan Generating Station on Lake Michigan in Waukegan, III. The EPA's proposed revisions to the federal safeguards for coal ash address the plant's waste along with hundreds of other legacy dumpsites. Jamie Kelter Davis for Earthjustice





FY23 HIGHLIGHTS HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

# **800** tons of toxic pollution

kept out of the air annually in St. James Parish, Louisiana

# 150M people

to be protected by PFAS drinking water standards

+1B tons of coal ash to be federally

to be federally regulated

### Keeping Us Safe

Congress passed environmental laws to protect public health. But polluters do everything they can to prevent strong enforcement of the law. Earthjustice works alongside communities most affected in decades-long struggles to ensure that environmental laws deliver on their promise of healthier communities.

In the case of coal ash, we've been on the ground with our partners since before the disastrous 2008 spill in Kingston, Tennessee. We sued the EPA to demand regulation of coal ash, resulting in the first-ever safeguards in 2015. Ever since, we have sued to close regulatory loopholes and are now heralding big wins to protect community health.





# **Case in Point** Closing the Last Loopholes for Toxic Coal Ash

When Earthjustice senior counsel Lisa Evans visited neighborhoods polluted by coal ash in the 2000s, she listened. "We'd hear residents asking how they could get justice," Evans said. "We built our advocacy around their experiences."

Fast forward to 2023. At a public hearing in Chicago, community advocates filled the room, ready to give testimony on how coal ash has devastated their families and communities. Thanks to our decades-long advocacy with community partners, the EPA is finally fulfilling its obligation to protect people from carcinogenic and neurotoxic coal ash by closing regulatory loopholes. Soon, safeguards will be required at hundreds of previously exempted sites across 41 states. When this rule becomes law, we and our partners will have secured the tools we need to hold coal-fired power plant polluters accountable for their poisonous legacy.

Julie Bledsoe testifies at the EPA's public hearing on coal ash in Chicago, Ill. Both Bledsoe's husband and brother-in-law experienced severe health declines after working to clean up the aftermath of the Kingston coal ash spill. Jamie Kelter Davis for Earthjustice



# **OCT 2022:** First steps to regulate lead in aviation gasoline

Pushed the EPA to propose an "endangerment finding" on leaded aviation gasoline, which it finalized in Oct 2023, marking progress in protecting communities from the largest source of lead emissions in the U.S.

mladn61 / Getty Images

### **DEC 2022:** Clean water in Texas' Matagorda Bay shipping channel

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Halted dredging in the shipping channel, preventing mercury contamination, harm to people working in the fishing industry, and increased greenhouse gas emissions.

Brad Zweerink / Earthjustice

David J. Phil

### SEP 2022: Clean air in St. James Parish, Louisiana

Blocked two proposed petrochemical facilities that threatened to pollute the air in St. James Parish, Louisiana.

# MAR 2023: First nationwide limits on PFAS in drinking water

With our partners, urged the EPA to propose the first nationwide limits on the amount of six PFAS chemicals allowed in drinking water.

# **APR 2023:** Emission limits for ethylene oxide pollution

Sued to ensure the EPA propose protective emission limits for the potent carcinogen used to sterilize medical equipment.

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### MAR 2023: Regulations on slaughterhouse water pollution

Through litigation, pushed the EPA to finalize new water pollution control regulations for slaughterhouses and animal rendering facilities by Aug 2025.

"We're not only shutting down U.S. coal-fired power plants; we're ensuring that plant owners clean up their toxic mess."

Lisa Evans, senior counsel



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Earthjustice senior counsel Lisa Evans, an expert in hazardous waste law, testifies at the EPA's public hearing on coal ash in Chicago, III. Jamie Kelter Davis for Earthjustice

### AUG 2023: Stricter standards for lead dust

Through litigation with partners, demanded the EPA propose a rule deeming any amount of lead dust found in schools, day care centers, and homes a "lead hazard."





# Climate + Energy

Earthjustice and our partners' shared goal is to secure a swift and equitable transition to 100% clean energy.

To get there, we engage in an array of necessary, parallel fights. Among them: establishing a clean electricity grid by 2035; electrifying everything with clean power; and stopping fossil fuel expansion.

An expansive portfolio of intersecting initiatives moves us steadily toward our ambitious goal.

Progress Rail's EMD Joule Battery Electric Locomotive. Progress Rail

### **Zero-Emissions Transportation**

Our transportation systems — which are currently the top contributors to climate change — are transforming.

By 2035 all the new cars sold in California will be zero-emissions. By 2036 all new trucks sold in California will be zero-emissions, and so far, 13 states have enacted the same standards or are in the process of doing so. Now, trains must start shifting to cleaner, safer, zeroemissions technology. Earthjustice is working in lockstep with partners who have the most at stake, and together we are securing new laws and spurring market shifts that reverberate across the country, all in the interest of protecting public health and our climate.





# **Case in Point** Railyard Neighbors Win on Clean Air and Climate

California communities near railyards have been breathing in dangerous levels of diesel pollution for decades. Earthjustice is working with several community groups to fight back. For example, we've partnered with Los Angeles-based East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice, an organization which was founded partly in response to a railyard operating just feet from people's backyards.

Alongside our partners, we urged California's state air regulator to adopt a regulation ensuring that every train operating in the state emits zero pollution. We submitted reports and comment letters highlighting the zero-emissions rail technology that has been in use for over a century around the world. We educated decision makers. And we elevated this important issue through national media coverage. Thanks in large part to Earthjustice and our partners, California adopted the first zero-emissions locomotive rule in the nation.

The rule will cut greenhouse gas emissions from locomotives by massive levels — the equivalent of removing all heavy-duty trucks from the state by 2030.

Taylor Thomas, Co-Director of East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice. The group is a longtime partner in taking on some of California's biggest air pollution problems. *Chris Jordan-Bloch / Earthjustice* 

"The locomotive rule is the single largest emissions reduction effort in California's plan to meet clean air standards."

### Yasmine Agelidis, senior attorney

### AUG 2022: Net-Zero Buildings

New construction and significant renovations to most buildings in Washington D.C. must be completed under a "net-zero emissions" energy standard starting in 2027.

### NOV 2022: Solar for Everyone

Hawaiʻi allows "bring your own device" rooftop solar programs.

#### ndriy Prokopenko / Getty Images

Paul Sancya / AP

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### AUG 2022: Zero-Emissions Cars

By 2035 all the new cars sold in California will be zero emissions.

#### **DEC 2022:** Electric Mail Trucks

The U.S. Postal Service agrees to purchase mostly electric trucks, which will transform one of the largest delivery fleets in the nation.

Earthjustice senior attorney Yasmine Agelidis. Yasmine was the lead attorney on the locomotives rule. Chris Jordan-Bloch / Earthjustice

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### APR 2023: All-Electric Buildings

First statewide requirement for new buildings in New York to be powered only by electricity.

#### APR 2023: Zero-Emissions Trains

Locomotive rule passes in California requiring a shift to zero-emissions rail.

What zero-emissions rail means for Californians' health

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90% reduction of cancer risk

for residents within one mile of railyards

**3200** premature deaths prevented each year

1 mile

**1500** hospitalizations prevented each year



### APR 2023: Zero-Emissions Trucks

Colorado is on the way to adopting clean trucks rules, which require manufacturers to sell a growing percentage of zero-emissions trucks each year.

### JUN 2023: Carbon-Free Future

The largest utility in Washington state is ordered to make sweeping changes to comply with mandates that the state's electricity supply be 80% clean and carbon-neutral by 2030 and 100% carbon-free by 2045. \$32B in health savings

# The Promise of the IRA

In August 2022, the U.S. enacted a landmark law that makes historic investments in clean energy, climate solutions, and environmental justice. The Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) creates a once-in-a-generation opportunity to make massive changes while we can still avert the worst harms of our climate crisis. But this law is not self-executing, and it contains concessions for fossil fuels that could enable continued reliance on dirty energy. Earthjustice was built for this moment. We bring the power of partnership and decades of legal expertise to the venues where the promise of the IRA can be brought to bear and where we can prevent further entrenchment of fossil fuels.



A 300-foot crane lifts a rotor onto a tower on the Lone Star Wind Farm near Abilene, Texas. Robert Nickelsberg / Getty Images





\$53M

for projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions



for the **U.S. Postal** Service to electrify its fleet over

invested in wind projects \$3B

for **community-led environmental and climate justice projects**  \$27B

for **132 air monitoring projects** so that communities know what is in the air they breathe



up to

\$8000

**in rebates and tax credits** for households to install a heat pump

# **30%** tax credit

for installing residential solar \$3B

to clean up air pollution at ports

# **Case in Point** A Level Playing Field for Renewables

In the Midwest, we challenged the Indiana Michigan Power Company's plans to replace coal power with methane gas power. On our last day presenting evidence, the IRA was signed into law, and Earthjustice attorneys wasted no time. We pointed out that, among other issues, the utility's argument that gas was more cost-effective than clean energy could no longer be supportable given the IRA's investments in renewables. After our challenge, the power company reduced the new gas capacity in its proposed plans by nearly 50%. We've continued our work in more than 80 other proceedings with public utility and public service commissions to ensure that - since the day it was signed into law — the IRA is considered in energy planning. While fossil fuels have an incumbent advantage, the IRA has accelerated our transition to a future in which clean energy is the norm.

### Moving Forward with Clean Energy Infrastructure

Right now, the U.S. electric grid is at capacity, and thousands of wind, solar, and battery storage projects are waiting to connect to it. For the IRA to make real progress, we must build out our clean energy infrastructure. This includes rapidly adding thousands of miles of power lines to transmit more renewable energy across the nation. But achieving a speedy buildout will require big changes to how we plan, pay for, and permit transmission infrastructure.

We are continuing our work with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the Biden administration, and Congress to push for necessary reforms that prioritize community engagement and protections for communities and conservation areas. Our role is unique; in addition to litigating to secure essential reforms, we serve to bridge the gap between our partners, energy developers, and federal decisionmakers. Together, we can build a modern, clean, and just energy system that serves us all.



## How We Work to Implement the IRA

With the most robust public interest energy practice in the world, we are using many tactics to ensure the IRA is implemented well. Here are a few examples:

### Guardrails for Clean Energy Tax Credits

We are pushing to ensure new hydrogen production tax credits go only to hydrogen that truly drives down emissions.

### **Power Line Siting**

We are bringing to bear our technical and legal expertise to ensure that nearly \$760 million for power line siting funds projects that can help deliver a 100% clean electricity energy grid by 2030.



## Building a Future Without Fossil Fuels

In the IRA, leasing for new wind power projects is tied to leasing for oil and gas projects, including mandated lease sales in Alaska and the Gulf of Mexico. The law also contains subsidies through uncapped tax credits for hydrogen and carbon capture technologies that promise to reduce carbon emissions but could actually

We have the robust program and regional partnerships needed to oppose the IRA's concessions to fossil fuel interests. do the opposite, including by enabling more fossil fuel projects when we need to shift to 100% clean energy.

Earthjustice has worked for decades to build an energy system that leaves fossil fuels in our past. We are working with longstanding partners to wind down federal fossil fuel leasing and challenge new

leasing, drilling, and all other projects that would slow our transition to a 100% clean energy future.

### **Pollution Monitoring**

We are supporting the implementation of new pollutionmonitoring programs to prioritize disadvantaged communities.

### **Clean Energy Jobs**

We are advocating for utilities to pursue tax credit bonuses by building clean energy projects in communities that relied on fossil fuel sector jobs but now have high unemployment rates.





# Biodiversity

Restoration of our planet's biodiversity is still possible. Beyond preserving magnificent places and wildlife, Earthjustice and our partners are working to create the conditions for regeneration.

We are working for a necessary sea change in the way we steward our lands, waters, and oceans. We are defending our bedrock laws, building the political will to repair the damage of recent Supreme Court decisions, and pursuing new legal avenues to protect our web of life.

Just as climate change touches all of our work, so does the threat of mass extinction and ecosystem collapse. Across all of our programs, we are bringing to bear a holistic focus on healthy ecosystems and the rebounding abundance of species.

Badger-Two Medicine, Montana. Ecoflight

### EXPANDING ON OUR LEGACY IN FY23

all **130K** acres of the Badger-Two Medicine region protected

**1.6B barrels of oil** kept in the ground in Alaska

**1.1M** acres of the Boundary Waters safe from mining

### A Holistic Response to Defend Biodiversity

Preserving ecosystems benefits everyone, but interested parties don't always agree on how to do it. Since 1971, Earthjustice has convened groups from all corners of the environmental movement to strategically protect biodiversity. In the 1980s we sparked policy innovation that changed the facts on the ground by defending oldgrowth forests in the Northwest. Now we're in partnership to safeguard migratory flyways and address threats to salmon, waterways, and community health. With every case, we and our partners are fortifying the web of life upon which we all depend.





### **Case in Point** Restoring the Snake River

To lose salmon is to lose an indispensable part of the ecosystem and and way of life in the Northwest. But for salmon to thrive, they need free-flowing water. For decades, profit-minded utilities and industrial

# "Our 30-year campaign to un-dam the Lower Snake River could spur one of the greatest river restorations ever."

Amanda Goodin, senior attorney

agriculture interests sought to keep four harmful dams on the Lower Snake River. Partnering with the Nez Perce Tribe, the State of Oregon, and clients from the fishing, clean energy, and conservation communities, we have worked for over 25 years to breach those dams and restore the river to abundance.

Now, we are reaching a tipping point. Our collective tenacity has spurred an effort with the Biden administration to remove the dams, replace

their services, and restore the river and its salmon populations. Never has there been greater momentum to honor our commitments to Tribes, support salmon survival, and recover an entire river basin from inland Idaho to the Pacific Ocean. Our fight for the Snake builds on our legacy of ecosystem restoration and will secure the river for generations to come.

Sockeye salmon swim in a tributary of the Snake River in Idaho. Salmon will have greater access to spawning grounds in Idaho if the Lower Snake River dams are removed. *Michael Quinton* 



### FEB 2023: ESA protections for the California spotted owl

Secured protections for the owl that will also protect mature and old-growth forests in the Sierra Nevadas, carbon sinks critical to combating climate change. With every case, we and our partners are fortifying the web of life upon which we all depend.

### AUG 2023: Western Arctic oil kept in the ground

Blocked 88 Energy's Peregrine oil exploration program. The region is a critical refuge for wildlife and provides sustenance and spiritual connection for Indigenous people.

#### Kiliii Yuyan for Earthjustice

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## **SEP 2023:** Boundary Waters safe from mining

Protected Minnesota's Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness from harmful copper mining.

The Boundary Waters contains more than 250 wildlife species, provides subsistence resources like wild rice to Indigenous Anishinaabe people, and is part of a 4-million-acre protected boreal forest ecosystem.

# **SEP 2023:** No drilling in Badger-Two Medicine

Defended Montana's Badger-Two Medicine region from oil and gas drilling in a historic settlement of a 40-year fight.

Badger-Two Medicine provides clean drinking water to the Blackfeet Reservation and downstream communities and is an essential migration corridor for grizzly bears, elk, Canada lynx, wolverines, and many other species. It is one of the last strongholds for native westslope cutthroat trout.



Clockwise from left: The Lower Granite Dam on the Snake River. Brian Plonka for Earthjustice; Nakia Williamson-Cloud is the cultural resources program director for the Nez Perce Tribe. Brian Plonka for Earthjustice; Tribal canoeists take part in a flotilla rally calling for the removal of dams on the Lower Snake River in 2018. Mike Beiser; The waters of the Snake River. Brian Plonka for Earthjustice











# Power of the Law

Earthjustice and our partners are working to ensure that our legal and judicial systems protect our environment.

To get there, we are mobilizing the public to advocate for new regulations and enforcement of current regulations. We are reinforcing, expanding, and explaining the regulatory authority of federal agencies. And we are ensuring that courts and judges understand the importance of environmental regulation and the need for environmental justice. With the force of our entire base combined with winning strategies, we can create new systems that favor an equitable, habitable planet for all.





### States Leading the Way

The federal government is just one of the players in our system of environmental protection. States have the authority to go above and beyond federal laws, and can quickly respond to new threats. Earthjustice takes advantage of that dynamic by translating community demands and movement power into effective and enforceable rules. And it's working; when we help state lawmakers understand the needs of our partners on the frontlines, they write more effective laws. And we use progress in one state to drive progress in others. So far, Earthjustice has used this approach to shape environmental laws in California, Colorado, Illinois, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Oregon, and Washington state.

## **Case in Point** Newfound Power for New Jersey's Frontline Communities

New Jersey has a first-in-the-nation law — and now the regulations to implement it — that says enough is enough when it comes to environmental injustice. Under the new rules, industry can't build new facilities that add more pollution to communities that are already impacted the most by industrial pollution.

Working with the Ironbound Community Corporation, South Ward Environmental Alliance, New Jersey Environmental Justice Alliance, and Clean Water Action, Earthjustice helped fight for robust regulations to bring this law to life. Together we successfully urged New Jersey's regulators to promulgate the strongest and most protective rules possible, while warding off an attempt by industrial groups to write in an enormous loophole.

It took many hours of public hearings and stakeholder meetings, intensive drafting of public comments, and hundreds of pages of supporting data. But we secured firstof-their-kind environmental justice rules that equip New Jersey communities to defend their health and well-being.

In the Ironbound neighborhood of Newark, New Jersey, people gather for a rally protesting a proposed sludge facility and the extension of a gas plant in the community. *Kena Betancur for Earthjustice* 





# The Public Interest, Loud and Clear

The last fiscal year was marked by hostility toward environmental law. Among other attacks, the U.S. House of Representatives aimed to gut the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), while the Supreme Court undermined the EPA's ability to enforce bedrock environmental laws.

But these threats become powerful calls to action. The constituency for a just and habitable planet is multiplying as climate consequences and environmental injustices intensify, and Earthjustice has become an authority for this growing base. As trusted experts in the news, on social media, and on the ground, we are concentrating the collective power of

Our leaders will only deliver on their environmental promises if we hold them to account. environmentally minded people across the nation. From demanding electrification of the U.S. Postal Service fleet to condemning the Willow oil and gas project, constituents joined our campaigns en

masse, causing the largest spike of activity in our 20+ years of digital advocacy. With Earthjustice's network readily mobilized, decision-makers have been put on notice like never before. PEOPLE POWER BY THE NUMBERS

**1.8M** digital advocacy actions\* taken in FY23

# 80% increase

in digital advocacy actions from FY22

282K messages

sent to lawmakers denouncing the Willow Project

\* e.g., constituent calls to Congressional representatives, public comments submitted to government agencies

# Clients

For as long as Earthjustice has been a force in the courtroom, we've also been building enduring relationships with clients and partners. We work alongside tribes, conservationists, grassroots organizers, and many others to ensure that we represent the needs of entire communities. Our partners inform strategy, such as where power is concentrated in local energy decision-making. Clients bring firsthand testimony to the venues where they must be centered — not only to enforce environmental protections, but to strengthen them. We are proud to represent our clients free of charge, and we couldn't do it any other way.

In addition to the hundreds of clients listed here, whom we formally represented in Fiscal Year 2023, there are scores of others with whom we partner, co-counsel, and ally to achieve our goals.

Changemakers call for the EPA to hold utilities accountable for their coal ash pollution on the day of an in-person public hearing in Chicago. Jamie Kelter Davis for Earthjustice




350 Colorado 350 Eugene 350 Louisiana 350 Montana 350 New Orleans 350 Tacoma

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A Community Voice Advance Carolina Advanced Energy United Advocates for a Cleaner Tacoma Air Alliance Houston Alaska Community Action on Toxics Alaska Longline Fishermen's Association Alaska Rainforest Defenders Alaska Wilderness League Albany County Legislature, District 2, NY Alianza Comunitaria Ambiental del Sureste Alianza Nacional de Campesinas Alliance for a Green Economy Alliance for Affordable Energy Alliance of Nurses for Healthy Environments American Academy of Pediatrics American Alpine Club American Beekeeping Federation American Bird Conservancy American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations American Federation of Teachers American Friends Service Committee American Lung Association American Medical Women's Association American Prairie American Public Health Association American Rivers Amigos Bravos

Amigos del Rio Guavnabo, Inc. Anacostia Riverkeeper Anacostia Watershed Society Animal Legal Defense Fund Antibiotic Resistance Action Center Apalachicola Riverkeeper Appalachian Citizens' Law Center Appalachian Mountain Club Appalachian Voices Arbor Hill Development Corporation Ashurst Bar/Smith Community Organization Association of Irritated Residents Association of Village Council Presidents Atchafalaya Basinkeeper Audubon Alaska Audubon Society of the Everglades

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Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Bay Mills Indian Community Bayou City Waterkeeper Beacon Hill Counsel **Beyond Pesticides Beyond Plastics Beyond Toxics** Black Parents United Foundation Blackfeet Headwaters Alliance **Blue Planet Foundation** Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League BlueGreen Alliance **Breach Collective** Breast Cancer Prevention Partners Brookhaven Landfill Action and Remediation Group Buckeye Environmental Network Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper Buxmont Coalition for Safer Water

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**Cabinet Resource Group** California Communities Against Toxics California Environmental Justice Alliance California Federation of Teachers California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation California Wilderness Coalition Californians for Pesticide Reform Californians for Renewable Energy CAMBIO Campamento Contra las Cenizas en Peñuelas, Inc. Carrizo/Comecrudo Nation of Texas Cascabel Conservation Association Cascadia Wildlands CATA Cathedral of Faith, COG Cathedral of Praise COGIC, International Center for Biological Diversity Center for Climate Integrity Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice Center for Environmental Health Center for Farmworker Families Center for Farmworker Safety Center for Food Safety Center for Rural Enterprise and **Environmental Justice** Center on Race, Poverty and the Environment Central California Asthma Collaborative Central California Environmental Justice Network Central Coast Alliance United for a Sustainable Economy Central Council of the Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska

Central Louisiana Coalition for a Clean & Healthy Environment Central Valley Air Quality Coalition Centreville Citizens for Change Cherokee Concerned Citizens Chesapeake Bay Foundation Chesapeake Climate Action Network Chesapeake Physicians for Social Responsibility Chevak Native Village Chevak Traditional Council Chickaloon Village Traditional Council Chilkat Indian Village of Klukwan Chinatown-International **District Coalition** Chuloonawick Tribal Council Citizens Action Coalition of Indiana Citizens for a Healthy Community Citizens for Alternatives to Radioactive Dumping Citizens for Arsenal Accountability Citizens for Clean Air Citizens for Clean Energy Citizens for Pennsylvania's Future City of Buenos Aires, Argentina City of eThekwini (Durban), South Africa City of Tshwane (Pretoria), South Africa Clark Fork Coalition Clean Air Action Network of Glens Falls Clean Air Coalition of North Whittier and Avocado Heights Clean Air Coalition of Western New York Clean Air Council Clean Cape Fear Clean Energy Buyers Association Clean Energy Group Clean Power Lake County **Clean Water Action** Clean Wisconsin

CleanAirNow Climate + Energy Project Climate Access Fund Climate Health Now **Climate Solutions** Coalición de Organizaciones Anti-Incineración, Inc. Coalition For A Safe Environment Coalition for Clean Affordable Energy Coalition for Clean Air Coalition of Communities of Color Colorado Latino Forum Columbia Riverkeeper Comité Caborrojeño Pro Salud y Ambiente Inc. Comité Dialogo Ambiental, Inc. Comité Progreso de Lamont Comité Yabucoeño Pro-Calidad de Vida, Inc. Commission Shift Committee for a Better Arvin Committee for a Better Shafter Committee to Preserve the Finger Lakes Communities for a Better Environment Community Energy Project Community In-Power and Development Association Concerned Citizens for Nuclear Safety Concerned Citizens of St. John Concerned Ohio River Residents Concilio de Iglesias de Puerto Rico Conservancy of Southwest Florida Conservation Colorado Conservation Council for Hawai'i Conservation Law Foundation, Inc. Conservation Northwest Consumer Federation of America Consumers Union Cook Inletkeeper Council of Churches of Greater Bridgeport

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Damascus Citizens for Sustainability Deep South Center for Environmental Justice Defend Our Health Defenders of Wildlife Del Amo Action Committee Delaware Concerned Residents for Environmental Justice Delaware Riverkeeper Network Democracy Green Desert Citizens Against Pollution Diné Citizens Against Ruining Our Environment Diving Equipment and Marketing Association Don't Waste Arizona, Inc. Douglas Indian Association Downwinders at Risk **Duwamish River Cleanup Coalition** 

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Earth Island Institute Earthworks East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice EcoCheyenne Ecology Center Education, Economics, Environmental, Climate and Health Organization El Centro de la Raza El Puente, Inc., Enlace Latino de Acción Climática Elyria and Swansea Neighborhood Association Endangered Wolf Center Energy Efficient West Virginia Environment America Environmental Confederation of Southwest Florida Environmental Defense Fund Environmental Health Strategy Center Environmental Integrity Project Environmental Justice Health Alliance for Chemical Policy Reform Environmental Law and Policy Center Environmental Protection Information Center Environmental Transformation Movement of Flint Evak Preservation Council

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Fairbanks Climate Action Coalition Families for Lead Freedom Now Farmworker Association of Florida Farmworker Justice Fund Flint Rising Florida Rising Florida Wildlife Federation, Inc. Fond Du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Food & Water Watch Food Animal Concerns Trust Footloose Montana For a Better Bayou For the Fishes Fort Belknap Indian Community Fort Berthold Protectors of Water and Earth Rights Fossil Free Thompkins Frente Unido Pro-Defensa del Valle de Lajas Fresh Energy FreshWater Accountability Project Friends of the Boundary Waters Wilderness Friends of the Clearwater Friends of the Farth Friends of the River

Friends of the San Juans Friends of the Wild Swan Frisco Unleaded Front and Centered Full Gospel Pentecostal COGIC

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Glacier-Two Medicine Alliance Golden State Salmon Association Grand Canyon Trust Grand Valley Citizens Alliance Great Old Broads for Wilderness Greater Birmingham Alliance to Stop Pollution Greater Yellowstone Coalition Green & Healthy Homes Initiative Green Science Policy Institute Greenl atinos Greenpeace, Inc. Grid Alternatives groundWork South Africa Group Against Smog and Pollution Gwichyaa Zhee Gwich'in **Tribal Government** 

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Hanlon Park Improvement Association Havasupai Tribe Hawai'i Solar Energy Association Hawai'i Wildlife Fund HFAL Utah Healthy Air and Water Colorado Healthy Gulf Healthy Homes Collaborative Hermanas Dominicas de la Sta. Cruz High Country Conservation Advocates Hillcrest Residents Association Hispanic Federation Honor the Earth Hoonah Indian Community Hoosier Environmental Council Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians Hualapai Tribe

Hui Hoʻopulapula Nā Wai o Puna Hui Hoʻomalu i Ka ʻĀina Hui Mālama Honokōhau Hui o Nā Wai ʻEhā Humane Society of the United States Hydaburg Cooperative Association

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Idaho Conservation League Idaho Rivers United Idaho Steelhead and Salmon Unlimited Idaho Wildlife Federation Iglesia Cristiana (Discipulos de Cristo) de Amelia Illinois Clean Jobs Coalition Indian People's Action Indonesian Center for Environmental Law Institute for Energy and Environmental Research Institute for Fisheries Resources International Association of Fire Fighters International Federation of Fly Fishers International Wildlife Coexistence Network Ironbound Community Corporation Izaak Walton League of America

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Jackson Hole Conservation Alliance Just Health Action Justice and Beyond – New Orleans

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Kachemak Bay Conservation Society Kai Palaoa Kasigluk Traditional Elders Council Kentuckians for the Commonwealth Kentucky Equal Justice Center Kentucky Interfaith Power and Light, Inc. Kentucky Resources Council Kentucky Solar Energy Society Kentucky Waterways Alliance Ketchikan Indian Community Kids in Danger Kingman Park Civic Association Klamath-Siskiyou Wildlands Center Klawock Cooperative Association Kootenai Elders Committee Ksanka Kupaga Xa<sup>2</sup>tøin

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Labadie Environmental Organization Labor Council for Latin American Advancement Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians Lake Maurepas Preservation Society Larimer Alliance for Health, Safety & the Environment League of Oil and Gas Impacted Coloradans League of United Latin American Citizens Learning Disabilities Association of America Learning Disabilities Association of New York State Living Rivers Local Environmental Action Demanded (LEAD) Agency Lost Hills In Action Louisiana Bucket Brigade Louisiana Environmental Action Network Lower San Pedro Watershed Alliance Lower Susquehanna Riverkeeper LULAC Florida Lynn Canal Conservation

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Montgomery-Gibbs Environmental Coalition Mothers for Safe Air, Safe Water Mothers Out Front Mothers Out Front Colorado Mountain Association Mountain Watershed Association

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Nā Kia'i Kai Nā Pā pa'i Wāwae 'Ula'ula NAACP NAACP Denver NAACP Eugene Springfield National Audubon Society National Consumer Law Center National Hispanic Medical Association National Housing Trust National Parks Conservation Association National PFAS Contamination Coalition National Wildlife Federation National Wildlife Refuge Association Native Movement Native Village of Eek Native Village of Kwigillingok Natural Resources Council of Maine Natural Resources Defense Council Neighbors Against Phibro Tech Neighbors for Clean Air New Castle Prevention Coalition New Jersey Audubon Society New Jersey Citizen Action New Jersey Environmental Justice Alliance New York City Coalition to End Lead Poisoning New York City Environmental Justice Alliance New York Community Garden Coalition Newburgh Clean Water Project Nimiipuu Protecting the Environment

No Waste Louisiana North Gulfport Community Land Trust North Oyster Bay Baymen's Association North Port St. Joe Project Area Committee, Inc. North Sound Baykeeper Northern Alaska Environmental Center Northern Cheyenne Tribe Northern Plains Resource Council Northwest Energy Coalition Northwest Sportfishing Industry Association Norton Bay Inter-Tribal Watershed Council NW Energy Coalition

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to fight for wolf recovery for more than three decades. Megan Lorenz / Getty Images



#### **Q** Quinault Indian Nation

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Rappahannock Tribe RE Sources for Sustainable Communities Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians Redeemer Community Partnership Rio Grande International Study Center Rise St. James River Valley Organizing Riverkeeper, Inc. Rivers Without Borders Rock Creek Alliance Rocky Mountain Wild Rogue Climate Rural & Migrant Ministry Rural Coalition Rural Empowerment Association for Community Help Russell Temple C.M.E.

## S

- Safe Ag Schools Safer Chemicals, Healthy Families Salmon for All Salmon State San Antonio Bay Estuarine Waterkeeper San Bernardino Valley Audubon Society San Francisco Bay Area Physicians for Social Responsibility San Francisco Baykeeper
- San Juan Citizens Alliance Sane Energy Project Saratoga Sites Against Norlite Emissions Save Lake Superior Association Save Our Cabinets Save Our County, Inc. Save Our County, Inc. Save Our Creeks Save Our Springs Alliance Save Our Wild Salmon Save the Colorado Save the World's Rivers

Seneca Lake Guardian Shark Conservation Fund Shiloh Baptist Church of Bridgeport ShoreRivers Sierra Club Sierra Club de Puerto Rico Sierra Club Foundation Sitka Tribe of Alaska Soda Mountain Wilderness Council Sokaogon Chippewa Community Solar Energy Industries Association Solar United Neighbors Sound Rivers South Durban Community Environmental Alliance South Tacoma Neighborhood Council Southeast Alaska Conservation Council Southeast Alaska Indigenous Transboundary Commission Southern Alliance for Clean Energy Southern Appalachian Mountain Stewards Southern Environmental Law Center Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance Southwest Energy Efficiency Project Southwest Environmental Center Southwestern Indiana Citizens for Quality of Life Spokane Riverkeeper Springfield Eugene Tenant Association St. Croix Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin St. Francis Praver Center St. John's Riverkeeper Stand.Earth Standing Trees Statewide Organizing for Community Empowerment Suguamish Tribe Surfrider Foundation Sustainable Energy **Economy Solutions** 

Sustainable FERC Project Swan View Coalition Swinomish Indian Tribal Community

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Takshanuk Watershed Council Tanana Chiefs Conference Tennessee Clean Water Network Testing for Pease Texas Campaign for the Environment Texas Environmental Justice Advocacy Services The Anointed Temple AOH Church of God The Bay Institute The Boat Company The Hopi Tribe The Moms on a Mission Hui The Pew Charitable Trusts THE POINT Community **Development Corporation** The Steamboaters The White Earth Band of Ojibwe The Wilderness Society Thiel Road Coalition Tides Center Tohono O'odham Nation Tonawanda Seneca Nation Toxic Free North Carolina Toxic-Free Future Trap Free Montana Public Lands Trout Unlimited, Inc. Tucson Audubon Society Tulalip Tribes Tuluksak Native Community Turtle Island Restoration Network

### U

U.S. Public Interest Research Group U.S. Right to Know UnCruise Adventures Union of Concerned Scientists United Congregations of Metro-East United Farm Workers Foundation United Farm Workers of America United Parents Against Lead National, Inc. United South/Southwest -Coalition for Healthy Communities Upper Missouri River Waterkeeper UPROSE Utah Physicians for a Healthy Environment Utah Rivers Council

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Valley Organic Growers Association Valley Watch VAYLA New Orleans Verde Vessel Project of Louisiana Voices in Solidarity Against Oil in Neighborhoods Voltus, Inc. Vote Solar

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Wangan & Jagalingou Family Council Washington Conservation Action Washington Environmental Council Washington Physicians for Social Responsibility Washington Wildlife Federation Waterkeeper Alliance Waterkeepers Chesapeake WaterWatch of Oregon WE ACT for Environmental Justice West Long Beach Association West Maui Preservation Association West Virginia Citizen Action Group Western Colorado Alliance Western Organization of **Resource Councils** 

Western Resource Advocates Western Watersheds Project, Inc. White Earth Band of Minnesota Chippewa Tribe WildEarth Guardians Wilderness Watch Wilderness Workshop Winnemem Wintu Tribe Winter Wildlands Alliance Wolf Conservation Center Wolves of the Rockies Womens' Farth and Climate Action Network Womxn From the Mountain Worksafe, Inc. Wrangell Cooperative Association WRI-Mexico Wyoming Outdoor Council

### Y

Yakutat Tlingit Tribe Yurok Indian Tribe

#### Individuals

1 Resident of New York 1 Small Business in New Mexico 1 Wolf Recovery Leader 2 Advocates for Alaska Public Lands 2 Residents of Texas 2 Rooftop Solar Customers 3 Advocates for Uniontown, Alabama 3 Climate Advocates in Eugene, Oregon 3 Residential Solar Customers in Arizona 5 Residents of Hawai'i 10 Residents of New Mexico 12 Children vs. Climate Crisis 14 Youth climate champions from Hawai'i

The Moon House cliff dwellings on Cedar Mesa in Bears Ears National Monument, Utah. Earthjustice defends the Antiquities Act to preserve Bears Ears and other monuments nationwide. Jon G. Fuller/VW Pics/ Universal Images Group via Getty Images



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Last fiscal year, our donors' collective generosity enabled Earthjustice's 200 expert attorneys to represent the 641 clients listed in this report. Your dedication to and investment in our cause ensured that Earthjustice met the programmatic and financial challenges of the last year with clarity and confidence.

Inflation impacts and economic headwinds have been felt across the nonprofit sector, and yet, because of your steadfast support, we finished the fiscal year down only 8% in year-overyear contributions. With close fiscal monitoring and timely action, including a spend down from our Board-Designated Endowment, we were able to retain our most important asset our inimitable staff - and, just as importantly, to provide uninterrupted services to our clients and partners.

Justice can't wait for economic conditions to be right, and as we know better than most, climate impacts exacerbate financial uncertainty — causing an estimated \$140B in

damages from extreme weather annually. To meet the moment, our financial plans include an additional spend down of our endowment to continue to scale our work: We plan to make critical investments in our program teams and to shore up our systems to meet the demands of a fast-paced 560-person law firm. Enhanced capacity and sophisticated operations are imperative to our success, as we face entrenched and outsized opponents in the struggle for an equitable and habitable planet. We hope an ease in inflation and a rebound in donations will enhance our ambitions for growth this coming year.

As we sail against headwinds into the final year of the Never Rest<sup>™</sup> campaign, your continued contributions propel us. With gratitude and fortitude, thank you for your support.

#### **Stuart Clarke**

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Chair of the Board of Trustees



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# STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

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\$109,342,671

\* Our Board-Designated Endowment funds ensure our ability to carry forward all of our cases to completion. In FY24, Earthjustice's board authorized a \$14 mil drawdown from the endowment to fund our operating budget. Elevated draws are planned to continue for the following three fiscal years before returning to the regularly budgeted 4% draw in FY28.

# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

#### Assets

Cash Short-term & long-term investments Accounts receivable Other assets Split-interest gift agreements Operating right-of-use lease asset, net Property and equipment, net	\$8,984,686 \$199,023,832 \$32,474,382 \$5,955,921 \$14,078,422 \$27,125,664 \$7,130,093 \$294,773,000
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Liabilities	
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$12,015,695
Deferred compensation liability	\$1,972,754
Operating Lease Liabilities	\$34,541,799
Liabilities related to split-interest gift agreements	\$7,918,436
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$56,448,684
TOTAL LIABILITIES Net Assets*	\$56,448,684
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