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Earthjustice secured
Endangered Species Act
protections for gray wolves after
the first Trump administration
tried to remove them. Kathleen
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A Letter from the President and Board Chair

We are facing an onslaught, but we do not face it alone.

The arrival of the second Trump administration has brought a wave of brutal attacks on the environment. Where power plants were previously held to pollution limits, the EPA is now granting exemptions over email. Where federal funds have been allocated to solutions for clean air, water, and energy, Congress and the executive branch are colluding to claw those investments back. Even the most settled law and science — including the basis for all greenhouse gas regulations — is not safe. Our government's ability to protect us from climate, health, and biodiversity crises is being systematically undermined.

Our response has to be just as relentless. Unprecedented assaults require innovative defenses, like our first-ever class action lawsuit. We're investing in new resources, like an enforcement team to help communities wield existing legal protections and hold polluters accountable. And again and again, we're doing what Earthjustice was built to do: showing up in court for our clients and winning.

The Trump administration's onslaught of lawless actions is creating opportunities for us to prevail even in hostile courts, because the facts are on our side. As the barrage continues, bringing those facts to light demands more from us.

But Earthjustice never works alone. Our clients and partners are bringing the fight — and as you'll see in the pages of this report, they are lighting the way in cities, in states, and beyond the borders of the U.S.

These achievements are possible because of your support for Earthjustice and our vision. Pushing back is only half the battle. We don't have more time to lose, so we have to keep forging ahead toward a future with a healthy environment for all.

We can still imagine that future — because we can imagine getting there with you.

Thank you,

Abigail Dillen

President

Stuart Clarke

Stuart A. Clarke

Chair of the Board of Trustees



Erika P. Rodríquez for Earthjustice



Earthjustice attorney
Jasmine Jennings, left,
and Gabriel Meléndez
Cardona, a director
with the human rights
group El Puente,
prepare to meet with
congressional staffers
about the unlawful
expansion of gas
infrastructure in Puerto
Rico. Matt Roth for
Earthjustice



We face an increasingly radical Supreme Court. And we are in a perilous moment for the rule of law.

The answer, however, isn't to stay out of the courts. When we argue a case — win or lose — we are putting the facts forward and seeding our vision beyond court chambers, breaking through the many echo chambers of our divided nation. And we are still winning much of the time, moving courts to put the only boundaries on this administration to date.

We win before judges who span a broad philosophical spectrum. In March, the famously conservative Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals sided with us when it upheld a ruling that Texas and Louisiana needed better plans for managing interstate air pollution. And in one of our major victories against the first Trump administration, a George W. Bush-appointed judge restored endangered species protections to gray wolves across 44 states, shielding them from hunting and trapping.

At the same time, there's no denying that the right-wing bloc of the Supreme Court is reshaping our legal landscape in ways that make it harder for the government to regulate and for public interest litigants to secure meaningful relief. That's why we tripled the size of our Strategic Legal Advocacy team over the past year.

That small team of appellate specialists is partnering with our program and regional teams. Together, they are helping the broader environmental community navigate the Court and its minefield of bad decisions. In just one example from this year, the team drafted a brief that convinced the Court to deny certiorari in a case in which Exxon asked the justices to overrule the precedent that citizens may sue polluters who violate their permits and harm the citizens' health.

The courts remain one of the best tools to protect the environment from attack.

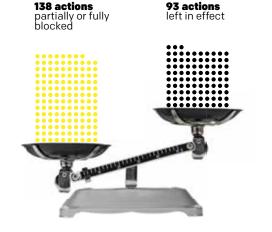
It's not all about the Supreme Court

The Supreme Court hears fewer than 1% of federal cases - 99% are resolved in lower courts, where some of the most qualified and fair-minded judges in history currently preside.



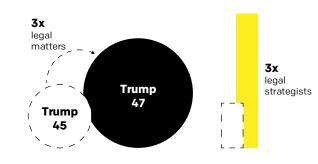
Courts are checking Trump

When judges have ruled on legal challenges to Trump's second-term actions, they've blocked them 60% of the time *



We are well-positioned

We've opened nearly triple the number of legal matters compared to the same period under Trump 45. We've also tripled the size of our Strategic Legal Advocacy Team to advise lawyers across the environmental community.





* As of Oct. 13, 2025

lawsuit tracker

Our lawsuits drive public discourse

When we file lawsuits, we bring attention to injustices in a competitive media environment.

FIGHTING BACK

Earthjustice is defending the progress we have made against a presidential administration that wants to take us back to an era before environmental laws.

This is a fast-moving fight, operating at an entirely new scale. We have already opened 115 legal actions against the Trump administration in its first nine months. That's nearly triple the number over the same period of Trump's first term. We were ready for this. And we are not backing down.

Vice President of Policy and Legislation Raúl García speaks at the House Triangle during a fly-in defending scientific integrity in the federal government. Melissa Lyttle for Earthjustice



CLIMATE SURRENDER

The presidential election put a climate denier in the White House, but it did not change the reality of the climate crisis. Trump's hard pivot from clean energy toward fossil fuels will only make the situation more urgent. We now have a massive fight on our hands to preserve the incredible progress we've made over the past several years to address climate change.

The gains we won include transformative funding that was on track to electrify transportation, buildings, and even heavy industry; improve health from reduced pollution; and help all U.S. households participate in climate solutions.

The Trump administration wants to claw back all that progress, starting with the funding.

Earthjustice has filed four lawsuits against federal agencies that are reneging on paying grant money they had awarded to our clients. The government promised these

grants to farmers and community groups working on climate solutions and fixing environmental harms at the local level. So far, we have succeeded in getting a preliminary injunction for our clients in one of the cases, requiring the U.S. Department of Agriculture to reinstate grants while litigation proceeds on the merits.

In a fifth case, we sued the administration for illegally freezing

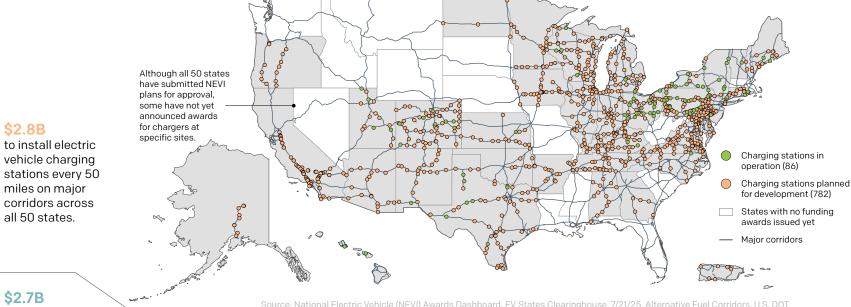
billions of dollars to build a national network of electric vehicle charging stations that can deliver thousands of good jobs and ensure charging station access for all drivers.

We are in court to save U.S. investments in a fairer climate future. On the regulatory front, we're working with a coalition of national environmental groups and partners to collectively combat attacks against the EPA's historic endangerment finding. The finding transformed the legal landscape in 2009 by declaring that greenhouse gases are air pollutants that

endanger the public and directs the government to set limits on climate pollution. Earthjustice supporters submitted more than 72,000 public comments to the EPA, supplementing more than 500 technical and legal comments from across the coalition.

Earthjustice will utilize every tool available to fight climate change erasure. **We can't afford to wait.**

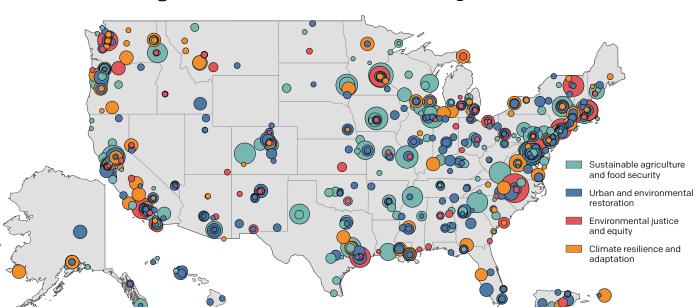
Defending Electric Vehicle Charging Networks



for expanding tribes' traditional foods programs, and other

sustainable agriculture.

Defending Climate and Environmental Justice Initiatives



for environmental justice programs like indoor air quality remediation.

for urban restoration

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forestry.

for building stronger housing and climate resilience projects.



'EMERGENCY' DEREGULATION

The Trump administration is using manufactured "emergencies" to sidestep the laws that protect our health and our most precious places. Earthjustice is challenging these power grabs in court.

On his first day in office, Trump issued an order declaring a "national energy emergency" to boost fossil fuel production and fast-track projects, explicitly excluding clean energy. The United States is already the world's largest producer of oil and gas and largest exporter of gas — to be clear, there is no energy emergency.

Earthjustice is fighting back against one of the most egregious abuses of emergency powers. Under the guise of "national security," the Trump administration allowed dozens of coal-fired power plants to bypass pollution limits set in the EPA's 2024 Mercury and Air Toxics Standards. These exemptions will allow corporate polluters to release toxic substances known to damage children's brain development, trigger asthma attacks, and cause cancer.

We filed a lawsuit challenging this attempt to circumvent the Clean Air Act. By the EPA's own calculations, the pollution limits would prevent at least \$300 million in costs from hospital visits, missed workdays, and premature deaths over a 10-year period. We won't let the Trump administration disregard the law's requirements and undercut life-saving pollution safeguards.

The Trump administration is allowing dozens of coal-fired power plants to claim exemptions from pollution limits. Justin Merriman / Bloomberg Creative / Getty Images

CASE STUDY

AN 'EMERGENCY' VS. THE EVERGLADES

In a matter of eight days this summer, Florida and the federal government partnered to hastily build an immigrant detention center in the Everglades without conducting any environmental review. Florida relied on an immigration "emergency" the governor declared two years earlier to commandeer county property for this purpose and claimed that federal environmental law does not apply. Earthjustice is representing Friends of the Everglades in challenging this end-run around environmental laws. Our litigation has drawn attention to the environmental dangers this center poses in addition to its cruelty.

The case encapsulates what's lost when rules are tossed aside needlessly:

Government Transparency



The government is obligated to notify communities about projects that will affect them. Officials failed to notify local stakeholders, including the Miccosukee Tribe, who joined the lawsuit given the risks the project poses to their food and water supply and access to nearby lands used for traditional activities. Pictured: Betty Osceola, a member of the Tribe. Joe Raedle / Getty Images

Public Input



Impacted communities must have a say in projects that could damage their health or reshape their environment. Officials sought no public comment. Polling has found a plurality of Floridians against the facility, which is projected to cost \$450 million a year. Pictured: Demonstrators protest construction of the facility on June 28, 2025. Giorgio Viera / AFP via Getty Images

Informed Decision-making



Thorough, science-based environmental studies are key to making decisions that consider reasonable alternatives and minimize harm. Instead, officials paved over land without any environmental review — putting Everglades wetlands and Miccosukee water supplies at risk from pollution runoff — and installed 24-hour industrial lighting that encroaches on primary habitat for critically endangered animals like the Florida panther (pictured). Art Wolfe / Getty Images

GOVERNMENT DISMANTLEMENT

A modern, functioning society requires reliable electricity, safe food, and clean air and water. Under the Trump administration, the government has undermined its own ability to provide these necessities. Good governance requires reliable information, skilled personnel, and transparent procedures — and Earthjustice is working to preserve them.

Earthjustice has filed several lawsuits challenging Trump's harmful actions. Already, our legal work has forced the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to restore vital information to websites that farmers, researchers, and advocates rely on to adapt to droughts, floods, and other climate-linked risks and to learn about funding for climate resiliency projects.

The Constitution obligates the president to ensure that laws passed by Congress are faithfully executed. By gutting agencies that carry out the environmental protections Congress has mandated, Trump is abandoning his executive duties. We will continue to challenge these lawless moves in court.



CLIENT SPOTLIGHT

Farmers fight back on climate censorship

Earthjustice client Wes Gillingham knows firsthand how a farm's survival can hinge on being prepared for the weather. In the early 2000s, three record-breaking floods devastated Gillingham's small vegetable farm in the Catskill Mountains.

By unpublishing climate data from websites, Trump's USDA is "squashing small farmers" who need climate-smart practices to survive increasingly extreme weather, says Gillingham.

Gillingham, the board president of the Northeast Organic Farming Association, rallied his organization to fight back. The board voted unanimously to join an Earthjustice lawsuit to restore the webpages because they knew we had the legal resources to win. Now that the climate data is restored, he says, farmers can once again use interactive tools to plan for changing weather patterns and extreme weather events.

Wes Gillingham, with the Northeast Organic Farming
Association of New York, a client in Earthjustice's
successful lawsuit to restore USDA data to its website.

Aristide Economopoulos for Earthjustice

Fighting Back: Government Dismantlement



PUBLIC LANDS SELL-OFF

Earthjustice is fighting efforts by the Trump administration and its allies in Congress to turn over millions of acres of public lands and waters to private industry.

When Trump sought to reopen more than 625 million acres of protected ocean for sale to the oil and gas industry, including waters along the East, West, Alaskan, and Gulf Coasts, we challenged this illegal effort in court. Since 2018, Earthjustice has challenged every offshore oil-and-gas auction the U.S. government has held – nine in total. **We have won 100 percent of these offshore drilling cases**, with courts forcing the federal government to address its serial failures to protect the environment.

Our litigation also stopped the Trump administration's attempt at opening more than 300 million acres of the Pacific Islands Heritage Marine National Monument to commercial fishing. Allowing fishing vessels there would have wiped out large numbers of sharks, turtles, and other marine life, wreaking havoc on one of the world's last healthy ocean ecosystems.

In Congress, we lobbied to stop sales of public lands to fund a budget shortfall and to keep new oil leasing requirements out of the reconciliation bill. Our advocacy helped strip out a portion of the bill that would have made 250 million acres of public lands eligible for sale.

Still, the version that passed mandates massive fossil fuel lease sales: 30 in the Gulf of Mexico and at least 15 across Alaska's Cook Inlet, Arctic Refuge, and Western Arctic regions, along with increased coal leasing on federal lands. It also requires the Forest Service to sell 11 billion board feet of timber.

These sales and any extractive projects that result must comply with laws like the National Environmental Policy Act, the Clean Water Act, and the Endangered Species Act. The Trump administration will struggle to ensure compliance after gutting the agencies that assess environmental impact; when they break the laws, we will be there to challenge them in court.

The offshore oil and gas platform Esther is located near Seal Beach and operates within California state waters. A Trump administration attack on ocean protections could allow platforms to be built beyond state water boundaries across a wide swath of U.S. national waters. Mario Tama / Getty Images











CLOCKWISE FROM TOP

LEFT: Earthjustice sued to stop Trump from reopening American coastal waters to new oil and gas leasing, including off Oregon. Ryan J Lane / Getty Images; Earthjustice prevailed in

court against Trump's effort to open the Pacific Islands Heritage Marine National Monument to commercial fishing. The win helps preserve habitat for sea life, like this crab. Peter Xiong / U.S. FWS; Glen "Stormy" Hamar with the Organized Village of Kasaan in Alaska, stands in the Tongass, the largest roadless national forest. The Roadless Rule has protected these regions for decades, and Earthjustice has vigorously defended the rule. David Herasimtschuk for Earthjustice; **The Trump** administration has put the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in its crosshairs, once again. Florian Schulz / protectthearctic.org; We are ready to mount

a vigorous defense of the Boundary Waters wilderness in Northern Minnesota from removals of protections from mining. Brad Zweerink / Earthjustice

DESTRUCTION OF THE WEB OF LIFE

With 40% of all species heading toward extinction by the year 2100, we're fighting to keep our web of life from unraveling. The Trump administration, meanwhile, is trying to break our most important legal tool — the Endangered Species Act.

Earthjustice has used the Endangered Species Act (ESA) to protect wolverines, gray wolves, California sea otters, Pacific Northwest salmon, Florida panthers, and more. In a testament to the power of this law, 99% of listed species have avoided extinction.

The Trump administration proposed a rule to weaken the ESA by claiming that habitat destruction doesn't harm fish and wildlife. That's absurd — habitat loss is the leading driver of the biodiversity crisis. We have gone toe-to-toe with Trump before to defend wildlife protections, and we will do it again. His first administration rolled back critical ESA rules, and Earthjustice went straight to court. We succeeded in overturning many of those actions and pushed the Biden administration to restore other essential protections.

We're utilizing the power of the ESA in our lawsuit challenging the Trump administration's faulty analysis of the harms of offshore oil

drilling in the Gulf. New leasing in these waters would be deadly for the Rice's whale. Fewer than 50 of these whales remain due to lethal ship strikes and oil drilling activity. Protecting their habitat is key to averting the first documented human-caused extinction.

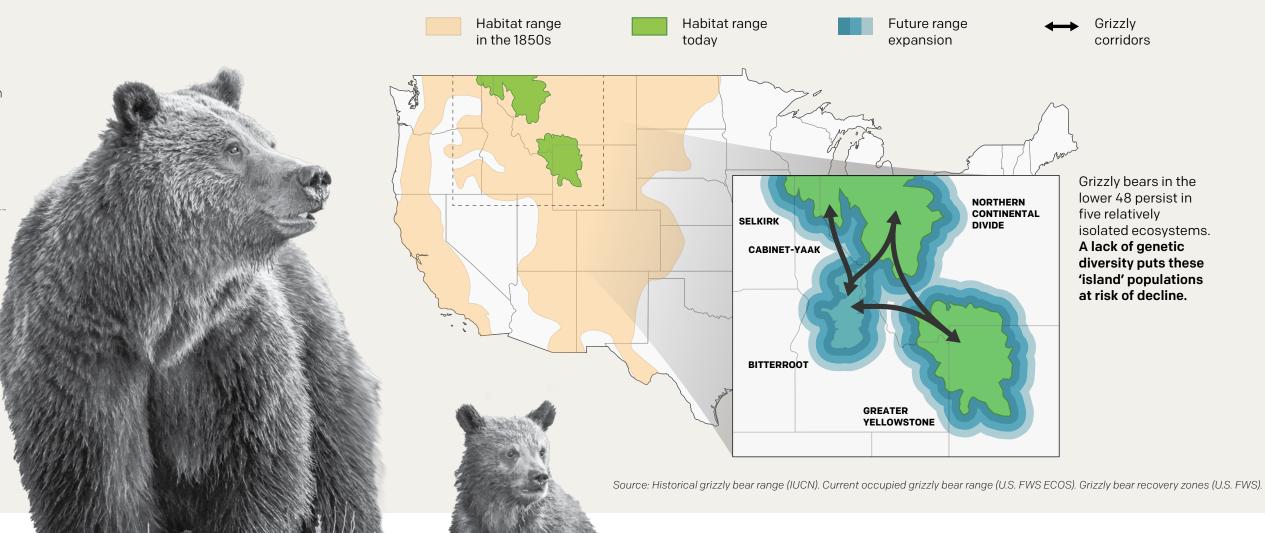
Grizzly 399 with a cub in Grand Teton National Park. The famous bear was killed in 2024 when it was stuck by a vehicle. Jane Dougherty / Getty Images

More than Playing Defense:

Driving Grizzly Recovery

Beyond protecting surviving species, we are driving recovery for their populations.

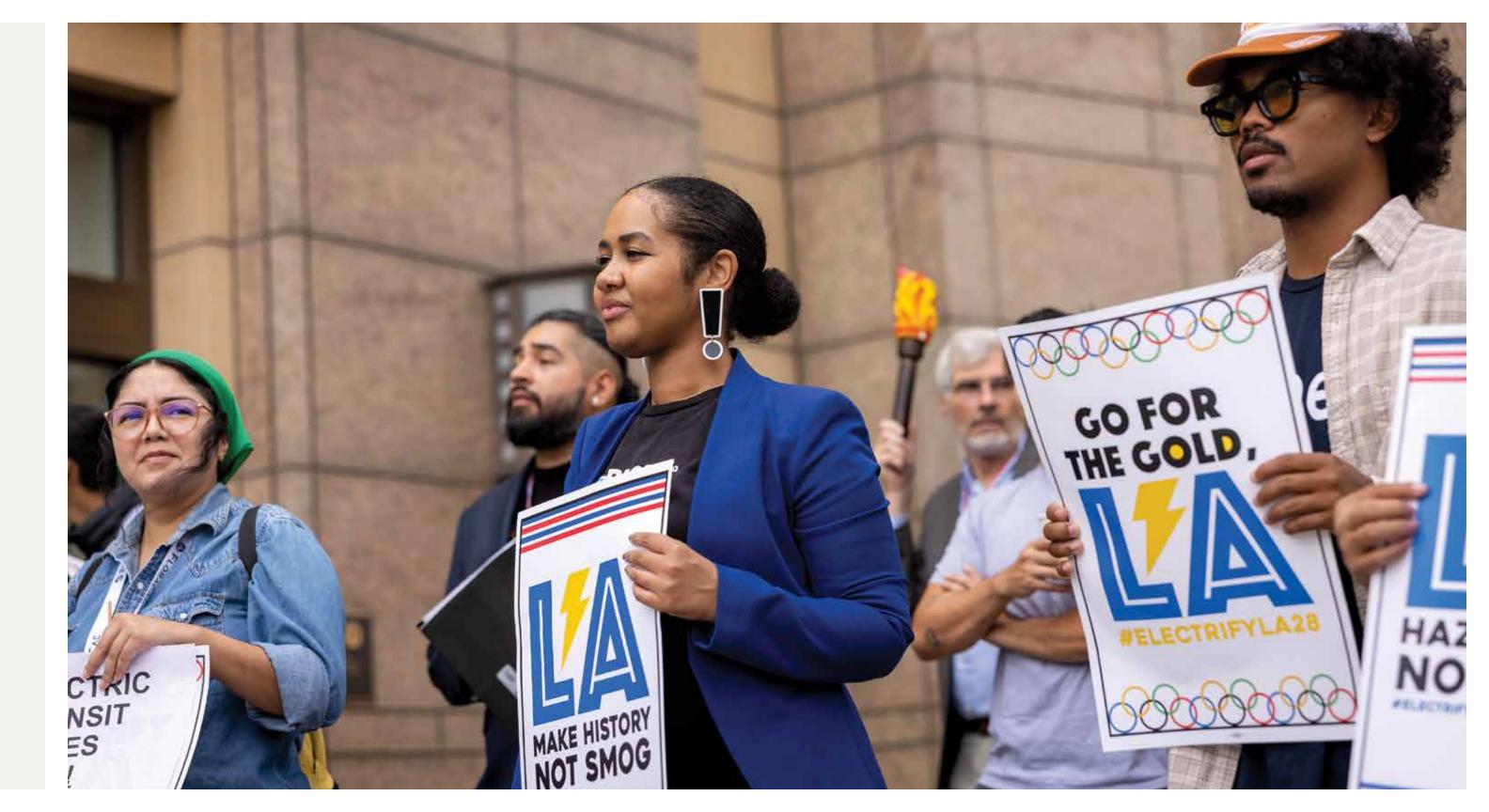
Earthjustice is on the offensive to put grizzly bears in the Northern Rockies on firmer footing. Grizzly bears remain imperiled due to lethal encounters with humans and fragmented habitat that keeps Yellowstone-area bears from achieving essential connectivity with other populations. Backed by the best available science, we're advocating for a recovery plan that bridges isolated grizzly populations to their former range in the Northern Rockies.



Forging Ahead

We continue to make progress in venues that are far from the president's reach. Around the globe, we are helping our local partners shut down coal and gas plants. At the state level, we are advancing a clean energy transition that benefits everyone. And in communities, we are helping residents take the fight directly to polluters.

Earthjustice attorney Candice Youngblood (center) rallies a crowd in support of electrifying Los Angeles Metro's bus fleet in time for the 2028 Olympics. Tara Pixley for Earthjustice



TOWARD

Progress in the States

Earthjustice's climate and clean energy work is focused on one uniting vision: a zero-emissions future that works for everyone. That's a big goal, especially with a federal administration that's waging an all-out war on clean energy. States, however, remain the great laboratories of our democracy, and we are making real strides there. As we show what can be done in leading states, other states — and, eventually, the federal government — have a blueprint to follow.

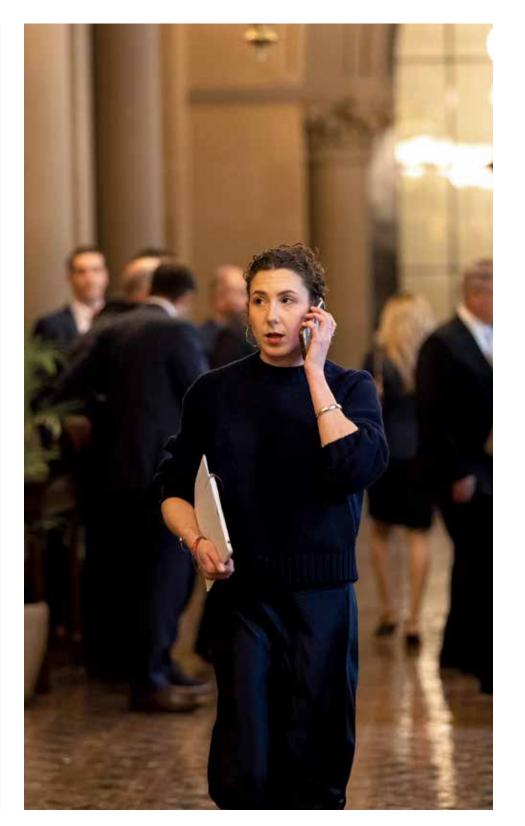
In California, where our Right to Zero campaign began, we continue to rack up legal and legislative wins that are transforming the energy sector and serve as the north star for our deep bench of zero-emissions campaigns across the country. This includes successfully pushing for legislation to spur neighborhood-wide building electrification in 30 communities.

In New York, Earthjustice is utilizing the state's climate law to fight short-sighted gas plant proposals and to protect a groundbreaking New York City policy that cleans up climate pollution by electrifying large buildings. We successfully helped end the dated practice by which New Yorkers had to foot the \$200 million bill every year to pay for new gas hook-ups for buildings. We're also challenging the Trump administration's attempt to cancel NYC's landmark congestion pricing program, which is already cleaning the air and funding public transit.

Beyond New York and California, we argued more than 130 matters this year in 18 other states, expanding access to cleaner — and cheaper — energy for ordinary Americans.

In Colorado, our advocacy across multiple cases resulted in utilities providing over \$150 million in incentives and rebates to customers to make energy efficiency and electrification upgrades, over \$50 million for electric vehicles and charging, and over \$30 million for rooftop and community solar and battery storage. In Florida, West Virginia, and Michigan, we won expansions of utility programs to help low-income households lower their bills with cleaner, more efficient energy. In Maryland, we successfully advocated for a new law that will increase clean energy sources for Marylanders and lower their energy bills.

Earthjustice policy advocate Liz Moran at work at the New York Capitol in Albany. Patrick Dodson for Earthjustice



OUR STRATEGY IN THE STATES



End coal by 2030

We pursue and enforce coal plant retirements — and challenge the Trump administration's efforts to undo them.

Progress in 2024-25: **CO, KY, MI, MT, WV**



Expand energy efficiency

We push in public utility commissions to get utilities to preserve and expand energy efficiency and demand response programs.

Wins in 2024-25: FL, CO, MI, WV, KY



No new gas

We challenge proposals for new or replacement gas-fired power plants.

Wins in 2024-25: KY, LA, NY



Prevent disruption from data centers

Energy-intensive data centers threaten the clean energy transition. We push for states to meet this new load with clean energy and to protect billpayers.

New work in 2024-25: FL, IN, KY, LA, MI, MS, MT, NY, PA, WV



End gas expansion

We fight investments that would lock in gas for decades, such as the extension of gas lines, and we make the case for electrifying buildings instead.

Wins in 2024-25: CA, CO, NY, OR, WA



Level the playing field for solar

We work to eliminate policies that favor entrenched fossil fuels over solar.

Wins in 2024-25: **PA. WV**

Forging Ahead: Progress in the States



New York showcases our state-level playbook: Push for a strong law, then implement it by bringing cases to court.

In 2019, New York state passed the **Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act** (CLCPA), a landmark climate law that mandates an 85% cut in greenhouse gas emissions by 2050. Since then, we've used the law to compel climate action and shut down polluting projects. We are replicating this success in other states with laws like **New Jersey's Environmental Justice Law**, **Illinois' Climate and Equitable Jobs Act**, and **Maryland's Next Generation Energy Act**.

PROTECTING COMMUNITIES

Our clients challenged air permits for a proposed methane gas plant in Newburgh, New York. We won a major court victory by arguing that the plant's future emissions would be inconsistent with the CLCPA's emissions reduction targets. The company abandoned plans for the plant for good in 2024.

SETTING PRECEDENT

We have successfully argued for fossil-fueled **cryptocurrency mining operations** like Greenidge Generation to be denied air permits from New York state agencies. These fights help set precedent, confirming that agencies can deny these permits based on greenhouse gas limits in the CLCPA.

CLEARING THE AIR

When the future of NYC's **congestion pricing program** was in doubt, we filed a CLCPA lawsuit on behalf of our clients, arguing that the program's pause violated state law. We reached a successful settlement, and congestion pricing went into effect in January 2025. We are now defending the program from federal interference.

Up next in **New York**...

We're working with our clients to make the CLCPA even stronger by holding the state accountable for implementing new emissions regulations. We're also advocating for bold new laws like the Clean Deliveries Act and the Customer Savings and Reliability Act. And when other state laws like New York's Climate Superfund Act come under attack, we're defending them in court.

Justice for Communities

As the Trump administration guts agencies charged with environmental enforcement, Earthjustice is building its own enforcement team led by a 20-year veteran of the Department of Justice.

The new team will support communities as they fight to hold polluters accountable using "citizen enforcement" provisions in environmental laws. These provisions allow ordinary people to sue polluters when federal agencies fail to enforce the laws themselves.

While we are are taking on these cases at a new scale, Earthjustice is not new to this work. Here is a selection of recent cases where our community clients took on corporations — and won.

From left, Kimberly Amaya, Maria Reyes, and Diego Mayen of East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice in a park overlooking Long Beach, California. Stella Kalinina for Earthjustice



CLIENT PROFILE

Shutting down the Phillips 66 oil refinery in Southern California

Our work contributed to the closure of Phillips 66's massive oil refining operations around Los Angeles.

In 2020, Earthjustice represented East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice in filing a notice of intent to sue Phillips 66 for repeated violations of the Clean Air Act. The company's petroleum refineries are in two California communities – Wilmington and Carson – suffering some of the worst air quality in the country.

Phillips 66 failed to repair leaking equipment at these refineries over 600 times, resulting in high emissions of benzene, a known carcinogen. Our legal action compelled it to install better pollution controls and served as a catalyst for the passage of more stringent emissions inspection and reporting requirements. Collectively, these changes removed over 740 tons per year of toxic pollution from oil refineries in the region.

Rather than retrofitting 100-yearold refineries to comply with stricter regulations and pollution controls, Phillips 66 announced it would shutter the facilities forever — a long overdue win for people in Southern California after more than a century of pollution.

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Cleaning up ocean waters in Hawai'i

Earthjustice represented citizens on the Big Island of Hawai'i as they filed – and favorably settled – a citizen suit to clean up sewage from coastal waters.

A sewage treatment plant was contaminating groundwater that flows into Honokōhau Harbor near Kona, fueling algal blooms and endangering a nearby reef ecosystem. The contamination was also a likely cause of the numerous local staph infections suffered by people interacting with the water. We represented Hui Mālama Honokōhau, a coalition of Native Hawaiian cultural practitioners and other people who fish, gather, and play in and around the harbor but could no longer do so safely.

Earthjustice's settlement with the County of Hawai'i will compel it to seek a Clean Water Act permit for the discharge. The county also agreed to improve its wastewater management and keep our clients informed about the progress.

LEFT TO RIGHT: Kaikea Nakachi, left, and his father, Mike Nakachi, work to restore coral reefs on the island of Hawai'i. Mike is a member of the community group Hui Mālama Honokōhau.

Mike Rudenko / Liquid Cosmos Divers; Renée M. Chacon, cofounder of Womxn from the Mountain and a client in our lawsuit against Suncor Energy. Chacon is a resident of Commerce City, Colorado, and is impacted by pollution from the Suncor refinery.

Carmel Zucker for Earthjustice



CLIENT PROFILE

Fighting for clean air in Denver

The Suncor crude oil refinery's pollution has contributed to some of the highest rates of asthma and cardiovascular disease in Colorado. It is one of the state's greatest sources of air pollution and has plagued neighboring communities for years. Public records show that Suncor regularly violated its Clean Air Act permits, releasing benzene, carbon monoxide, and other harmful chemicals. We've documented over 9,000 days of air violations.

So local residents banded together to take matters into their own hands. In August 2024, on behalf of GreenLatinos, the Sierra Club, and 350 Colorado, Earthjustice sued Suncor Energy. In addition to seeking immediate remediation measures, the Clean Air Act citizen suit called for hundreds of millions of dollars in civil penalties. The case is now being heard in the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

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Climate Leadership Abroad

For more than three decades, our international program has been advocating for global recognition of the right to a healthy and sustainable environment. As more nations — and the United Nations — formally acknowledge this right, we are collaborating with local partners to enforce it with strategic litigation.

Much of that work focuses specifically on curbing the pollution from fossil fuel burning and transitioning to affordable and accessible clean energy. With the U.S. government abandoning climate leadership on the international stage, this work with partners in key countries grows more vital.

One landmark win came this year in South Africa. Since 2020, we've supported the Centre for Environmental Rights in representing youth turning to litigation to force climate action.

The youth challenged the government's plan to add 1,500 megawatts of new coal-fired power to the country's energy grid, asserting that the carbon dioxide emissions and pollution posed unjustifiable harms to human health and the climate.

In December 2024, the High Court of South Africa held the government's plan was invalid and unconstitutional because it had not considered the impact on children's rights, particularly their right to a healthy environment. In addition to stopping the proposed coal buildout, the judgment sets a strong precedent.

The young plaintiffs join a growing global cohort of youths who are bringing climate injustice to courts and winning.

Climate activists demonstrate outside the Pretoria High Court against the South African government's plans to develop 1,500 megawatts of new coal-fired electricity generation. Julia Evans



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Groups of African
penguins waddle out of
the ocean at Boulders
Beach in Simon's
Town, South Africa.
Earthjustice supported
Biodiversity Law Centre
to win a settlement
closing the area around
six key African penguin
breeding colonies to
commercial fishing
for 10 years. Jacob
Eukman / Getty Images

Clients

350 Colorado 350 Louisiana 350 Montana

A Community Voice Advance Carolina Advocates for a Cleaner Tacoma Air Alliance Houston Alaska Community Action on Toxics Alaska Institute for Justice Alaska Wilderness League 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 Civil Liberties Union American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations American Federation of Teachers American Friends Service Committee American Lung Association American Prairie American Public Health Association American Rivers Amigos del Rio Guaynabo, Inc. Anacostia Riverkeeper Anacostia Watershed Society

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Animal Legal Defense Fund

Audubon Society of the Everglades Backcountry Hunters and Anglers Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Bay Mills Indian Community Bayou City Waterkeeper Beacon Hill Counsel Bessemer Historical Society, Inc. Beyond Pesticides Black Farmers United Black Parents United Foundation Blue Planet Foundation Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League BlueGreen Alliance Borderlands Restoration Network Breast Cancer Prevention Partners Bridger Bowl Ski Area Brookhaven Landfill Action and Remediation Group Buckeye Environmental Network Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper **Build Reuse** Bull Mountain Land Alliance Butterbee Farm

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 Californians Against Waste Foundation Californians for Pesticide Reform CalWild CAMBIO Campamento Contra las Cenizas en Peñuelas, Inc. Cape Fear River Watch Carrizo/Comecrudo Tribe of Texas CATA Cathedral of Faith, COG Cathedral of Praise COGIC, International Catskill Mountainkeeper Center for Biological Diversity Center for Climate Integrity Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice Center for Environmental Health Center for Environmental Transformation Center for Farmworker Families

Center for Farmworker Safety

Center for Rural Enterprise and

Center for Science in the Public

Center on Race, Poverty and the

Center for Food Safety

Environmental Justice

Interest

Environment

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Jackie Medcalf, founder of the Texas Health and **Environmental Alliance,** at the San Jacinto Waste Pits Superfund Site in Harris County, Texas. Her group, represented by Earthjustice, successfully challenged the U.S. **Army Corps of Engineers** shortcut approval of a barge company project that would have disturbed the waste pits. Danielle Villasana for Earthjustice



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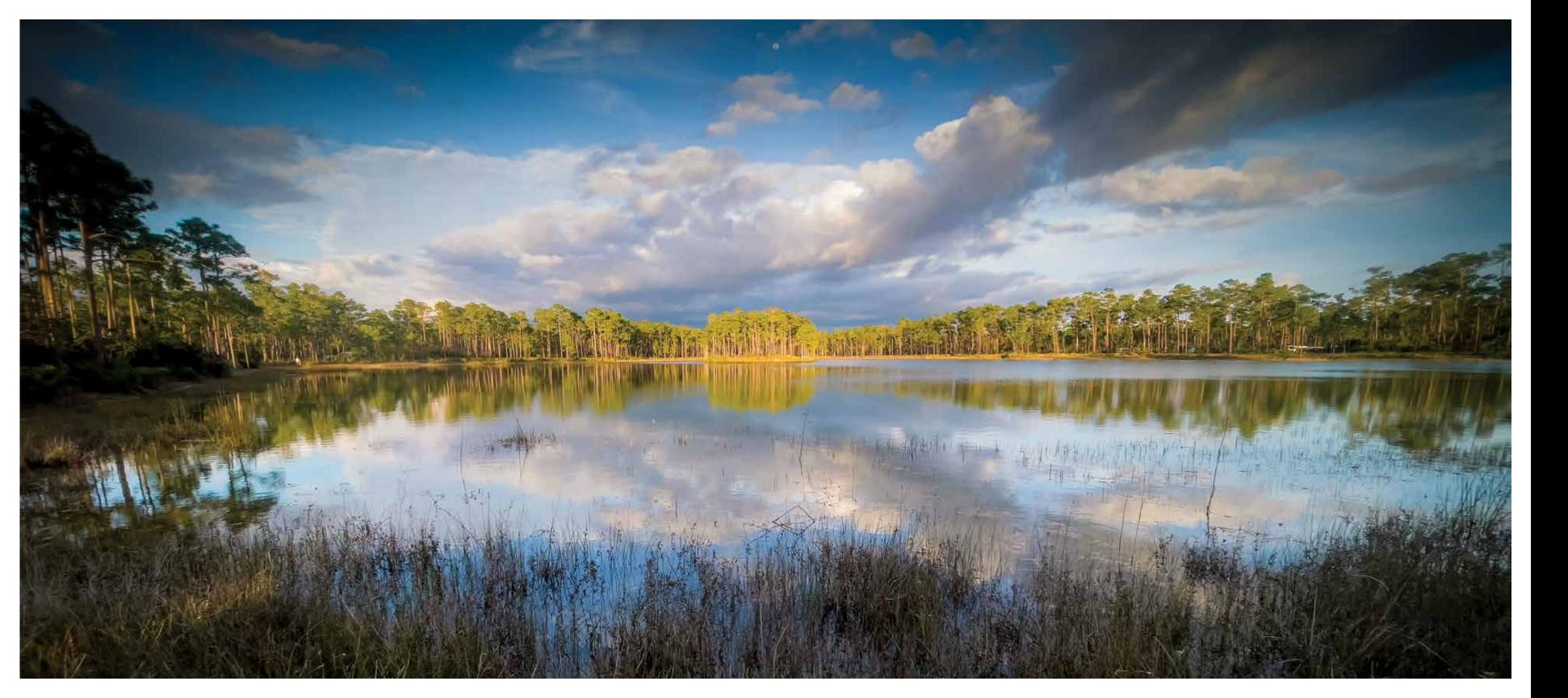
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From left, Earthjustice attorneys Charisse Arce, Jeremy Lieb, Erik Grafe, Carole Holley, and Hannah Foster, left to right, meet in Earthjustice's Anchorage, Alaska office. Trump targeted the state on day one, signing an executive order calling for increased drilling, logging, mining, roadbuilding, and other environmentally destructive ventures. Ash Adams for Earthjustice



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Whitney Gravelle, president of the Bay Mills Indian Community in northern Michigan, speaks about the Line 5 pipeline during an event in 2025. Earthjustice is representing Bay Mills in their fight against prolonging the oil pipeline with the construction of a massive oil tunnel beneath the Straits of Mackinac. Jim Vondruska for Earthjustice

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