



How to Ensure Everyone Receives Access to Safe and Affordable Drinking Water,  
Protection from Climate Impacts, and Infrastructure Job Opportunities

Thursday, September 26, 2019  
10:00 am – 12:00 pm  
Russell Senate Office Building Room 188

Free and Open to the Public

The national Water Equity and Climate Resilience Caucus (WECR) invites you to a briefing hosted by the **Senate Environmental Justice Caucus and the House United for Climate and Environmental Justice Congressional Task Force**. Powerful leaders and organizers will discuss policy platforms that can secure water as a human right, deliver safe and affordable drinking water, increase protections from climate impacts, and prioritize opportunities for infrastructure jobs and education.

WECR members presenting include:

Milwaukee Water Commons  
The Corps Network  
Green Latinos  
Gulf Coast Center for Law and Policy  
Community Water Center  
Emerald Cities Collaborative  
NAACP Climate and Environmental Justice  
We the People of Detroit  
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Human Rights Watch  
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From contaminated city water supplies, to drought-fueled water shortages and forest fires, to extreme storms and sea-level rise that flood neighborhood and displace vulnerable residents, an growing number of people in this nation are confronting significant water- and climate-related threats. Addressing these interrelated concerns requires comprehensive solutions that ensure equitable access to water and advance climate resilience at all levels of governance.

Working at the nexus of environmental justice, climate resilience, economic development, and racial equity, this work draws on the leadership of frontline communities and their allies to deliver a major public works approach organized around four central policy goals:

- Safe and affordable drinking water, sanitation, and storm water management is provided for the 100 million economically vulnerable residents of US and Indigenous communities.
- Frontline communities — low-income, communities of color, and those proximate to and reliant on threatened waters — have a voice in water and climate resilience planning and implementation.
- Black, Indigenous, communities of color, and low-income communities can access disaster resources that prioritize their recovery and their climate security.
- Educational, job, and business opportunities are targeted to low-income people and people of color in designing, building, operating and maintaining sustainable water infrastructure systems.

**The Water Equity and Climate Resilience (WECR) Caucus** is a national network of organizations working to address water equity and climate resilience — centering frontline communities of color and low-income communities. Co-convened by PolicyLink and the Gulf Coast Center for Law and Policy, the Caucus includes leaders from over 80 organizations across the nation.

We look forward to see you!