



### **Climate change is a civil rights issue.**

Climate change is an urgent threat to all Americans, especially Latinos, who are disproportionately at risk from its impacts: more extreme heat and weather; more asthma attacks; increased air pollution; and greater transmission of mosquito and tick-related diseases.

### **Latinos Want Climate Action**

Nearly 80 percent of Latinos consider climate change to be a somewhat serious or very serious problem. In fact, 9 in 10 Latinos nationwide want climate action, and 86 percent support carbon pollution limits on power plants- a key driver of climate change. More than half said they considered climate change a deciding factor in their vote for president.

### **Climate Action Protects All Communities**

The Clean Power Plan helps protect all communities from the dangerous effects of climate change by setting the first federal limits on carbon pollution from power plants. It could prevent up to 90,000 asthma attacks in children, 300,000 missed work and school days, and 3,600 premature deaths every year by 2030. It could also create up to \$54 billion in health and climate benefits every year by 2030 - including saving families \$200 per year on their utility bills. But President Trump and Acting EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler are trying to roll it back with their Dirty Power Scam that puts corporate polluters before our health.

By the Trump administration's own estimates, this dangerous rollback could cost up to 1,400 lives every year by 2030. That's unacceptable. Putting Latino children's lives at risk, causing them to miss school because of a preventable asthma attack, and robbing them of a healthy future is a reckless move by the Trump administration.

The Dirty Power Scam will also put 130 million people who work outdoors at greater risk. The extreme heat made worse by climate change leads to dehydration, heat stroke, and even death. Nearly 30 percent of construction workers, and 76 percent of farmworkers identify as Latino/Hispanic. Rolling back the Clean Power Plan will put our health and livelihoods on the line.

Too many Latinos have become climate refugees within their own country because of extreme weather. Over a year after Hurricane Maria, much of Puerto Rico is still suffering from an ongoing blackout, and is still contending with \$90 billion in damages, a lack of safe drinking water, and thousands of people without homes or livelihoods. More than 135,000 Puerto Ricans have left the island post-Hurricane Maria and Centro, and researchers estimate that almost half a million could migrate to the U.S. mainland by 2019 as a direct consequence of the devastation caused by Hurricane Maria.

From hurricanes to asthma to missed days of school, the effects of climate change stunt the growth of our communities. Climate action means we can have healthy communities and a healthy economy, for generations to come.

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