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Audio Relay - Ron: Some Spanish spoken at some point in the meeting.

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Audio Relay - Ron: We also want to remind you to speak one person at a time, and not speak too fast, so we're able to do a good job in company.

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Audio Relay - Ron: Thank you so much.

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Jimmie Bellamy, NC Gov Office: Thank you, Ron.

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Jimmie Bellamy, NC Gov Office: So just want to say good afternoon and thank everyone for joining My name is Jimmy Bellamy, at one of the Governors policy advisors, and so on behalf of the Governor and the Governor's office. I would like to welcome you all and thank you all for joining this community input session on environmental justice.

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Jimmie Bellamy, NC Gov Office: Now, as many of you know these community input sessions. They came from executive order 246. That Governor Cooper signed earlier this year.

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Jimmie Bellamy, NC Gov Office: And really the goal of these community input sessions is to receive public input and form future executive action that Governor Cooper can take to help address environmental injustice as well as advanced environmental justice by using a whole of government approach.

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Jimmie Bellamy, NC Gov Office: Now we understand that more needs to be done around environmental justice, and we also recognize that this is an opportune time. given the landscape on the Federal level, and all the Federal funding opportunities coming to the State to advance environmental justice.

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Jimmie Bellamy, NC Gov Office: And so we're honored in this work to parking with the Metropolitan group who's going to be facilitating a series of these discussions for us, as well as providing environmental justice training for our Ej. Leads and staff later on this week.

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Jimmie Bellamy, NC Gov Office: So again thank you all for joining and welcome, and with that i'll turn it over to Dr. Johnson, who is the Chair of North Carolina Beq's Environmental Justice and Equity Advisory Board. Dr. Johnson.

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Jim Johnson: Thank you very much, Mr. Bellamy. Good afternoon. All as as Mr. Bellamy indicated. My name is Jim Johnson, and and I do have the distinct honor and pleasure of serving as the chair of

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Jim Johnson: the Department of Environmental Qualities. Environmental Justice and Equity Advisory Board, and I also serve as a member of the Governor's Andrea Harris task force on Social, Economic, Environmental Health Equity on behalf of the membership of both entities. I welcome you to this important stakeholder dialogue this afternoon, which, as Mr. Bellamy indicated, was made possible by the bold actions Governor Cooper

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Jim Johnson: took earlier this year, when he issued executive order 246 an initiative with strives to transition North Carolina to a green economy by 2,030,

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Jim Johnson: as you know, among other provisions, executive order, 2 46 casts, new light on environmental injustices in our State, and imposes greater accountability on the State to address environmental inequities. More specifically, the order requires all State agencies to appoint an environmental justice, advocate and to develop public participation and communication

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Jim Johnson: plans to promote greater transparency and government decision. Making this stakeholder dialogue this afternoon is a core element of the involving implementation strategies

that undergirds executive order 246 on behalf of the Environmental Justice and Equity Advisory Board and the Andrew Harris accurate task force.

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Jim Johnson: Thank you for being here this afternoon. Our hope is that with your sage advice and guidance, the State of North Carolina will leverage existing evidence based best practices and devise and implement innovative new equity tools required to redress existing environmental justice issues and prevent environmental justice communities from being overburdened by noxious facilities and locally unwanted land users moving forward and now turn it over to the Max following group to get the

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Jim Johnson: this stakeholder dialogue going: Thank you very much.

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Audio Relay - Ron: And this is Fran, the one of the interpreters. Is that please a reminder to not speak too fast, so that we're able to do the job interpreting. Thank you.

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Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): Thank you, Ron.

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Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): All right. Everybody

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Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): welcome.

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Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): It's really good to see you all here.

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Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): My name is Maria Estrada. I'm with the Metropolitan group, and I will be your facilitator for today. The first thing that I want to do is go over our working agreements.

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Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): We're asking you to observe these to ensure everyone feels safe and welcome to participate.

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Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): So we're asking you to listen, to understand and to learn

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Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): on our our unique journey, to get here today

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Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): all for kindness and generosity.

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Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): For example, notice.

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Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): when you're judging

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Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): and move instead towards curiosity.

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Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): participate even when uncomfortable.

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Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): Each of you.

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Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): as Dr. Johnson just said, said, have a lot to contribute a lot of wisdom. We need it in the room.

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Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): Look for the truth in what you oppose.

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Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): and the error in what? Us?

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Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): So those are our agreements.

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Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): And now I'm gonna quickly go over the agenda. So you see how we are going to spend our time together today

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Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): and hopefully will be dropped on the chat so you can see it.

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Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): we're gonna at first

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Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): tell you the purpose of this consultation and the timing. There will be other meetings

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Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): next. We're going to talk about? What are the opportunities in front of us to advance environmental justice?

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Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): Then we're going to give you the list of the stakeholder items of interest that the governor's office has been collecting.

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Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): and then

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Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): we're going to go to the panel discussion.

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Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): and we have 3 panelists who are going to help us ground. What are the current environmental justice efforts in North Carolina?

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Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): Finally.

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Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): we're going to do a consultation polling

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Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): and then we're gonna go into the public comment part of the meeting, which is the second hour.

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Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): We have a great amount of content to cover.

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Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): So we are going to move swiftly through the opportunities to advance environmental justice

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Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): as well as the stakeholder items of interest.

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Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): so that we can get to our panel discussion and the consultation part of the meeting.

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Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): as well as the public comment

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Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): part of it, which, as I said, will be the second hour.

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Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): So first.

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Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): the purpose of this consultation.

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Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): We're here to get your feedback

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Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): as valued stakeholders on the priorities for advancing environmental justice and equity in the State of North Carolina.

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Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): for example, what course of actions by the Governor.

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Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): like Cabinet agencies

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Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): by the Legislature. Do you want to see

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Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): the consultation? Timing will be done in 3 meetings? This is our first meeting, which is obviously virtually

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Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): there will be 2 in-person meetings

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Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): in the first quarter of 2,023

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Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): dates to be determined

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Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): in these 3 meetings we will collect all of your input

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Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): and then provide a summary

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Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): of that feedback

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Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): to the Governor's office.

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Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): So let me get going with the agenda, and I'm going to pass it to my colleague, Bernice Miller Travis.

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Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): so that she can speak about

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Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): the opportunities in front of us to advance environmental justice in North Carolina.

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Vernice: Good afternoon, everyone. Thank you for gathering Last time I checked. I think there are over 100 people on the call with us and so this is really going to be a robust conversation. So we thought we would start with

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Vernice: just some framing thoughts about this moment in time. I have worked in the field for environmental justice for over 38 years. Starting as a research Assistant for United Church of Christ Commission for racial justice.

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Vernice: and helping to write and publish their landmark, report toxic waste and race in the United States, and toxic waste and races really grounded in the realities of the struggle in Warren County, North Carolina. It is that work, that struggle, that campaign that really launched that research project and that research project and opened up a national and now an international conversation about environmental justice, environmental injustice and environmental racism

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Vernice: over the period of time that I've worked on these issues almost 4 decades. I've never seen a moment as rich as this moment to really dig in, to issues of environmental justice, to deepen that conversation, to make those conversations meaningful, and to provide legislative action

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Vernice: at the Federal level at the State level, to provide financial resources at an unprecedented level, and to really open up this conversation in a way that I personally have never seen it happen before. So I just want to. I want to list out 4 things that are

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Vernice: happening and unfolding in this moment that serve as a a broader and then a local context for what's happening. One is a Presidential executive order, 1 405, signed by President Biden on January 20, seventh.

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Vernice: 2,000 and and 20

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Vernice: 2,021 and Justice 40 is a an executive order that that says that.

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Vernice: and almost all the things that the Federal Government does.

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Vernice: particularly when it comes to appropriations, particularly when it comes to grant programs, particularly when it comes to Federal expenditures that they want to drive 40%

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Vernice: of most of those expenditures.

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Vernice: They are underserved.

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Vernice: marginalized environmental justice communities of color, tribal communities low-income communities. However, you want to define it.

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Vernice: They want to drive 40% of that investment

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Vernice: 40 of that appropriation into those communities, so that whatever the goals and objectives are of that particular program, whether it be increasing the utilization and the existence of of solar energy and alternative energy.

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Vernice: whether it is about expanding broadband and wi-fi access into rural communities, whether it is it is about improving water, infrastructure, or sanitary sewage infrastructure, whatever that appropriation is. 40% of that should go to

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Vernice: those communities that I just ticked off.

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Vernice: That's going to be a game changer in in most of our communities and most of our lives, and

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Vernice: that is sort of serving as a backdrop

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Vernice: to what is happening right now. So EPA administrator, Michael Reagan, has pro prioritized environmental justice and funding

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Vernice: to advance

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Vernice: the bipartisan infrastructure law, which is the next thing I want to talk about and the Inflation Reduction Act Can you go back to the next slide, please?

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Yeah.

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Vernice: thank you. So

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Vernice: the Biden Harris administration has recognized the historical dimensions of racism directed towards

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Vernice: particular communities

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Vernice: in historic fashion that has led to under investment under investment in infrastructure under investment housing under investment and environmental clean up under investment and access to clean water. and they the

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Vernice: Biden Harris administration and Environmental Protection Agency, Michael Reagan, who, you all know, as the former Secretary of North Carolina, Deq has prioritized environmental justice through funding to advance that. And so Federal programs are being transformed to

ensure that the benefits of new and existing Federal investments reach these historically marginalized and underfunded communities.

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Vernice: The White House has created the White House Environmental Justice Advisory Council, which serves to advise the President and the Chair of the White House Council on Environmental Quality and the Federal Government as a whole. On how to reach these communities, how to improve the implementation of legislation, how to make sure that equal protection is provided across the landscape of all actions; that the Federal Government might take.

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Vernice: This is a it's historic, and, as I said, unprecedented moment. And in that context, in terms of the new bipartisan infrastructure law that's 1 point, one trillion dollars approved by Congress, and signed by the President in April

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Vernice: of 2021. 40%

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Vernice: of all of those resources are to make sure that they go to and are invested in and create new opportunity, improve quality of life, improved, environmental, and public health conditions. In these very communities. again, it's an unprecedented moment, and in all the years

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Vernice: that I have worked

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Vernice: as a public policy advocate

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Vernice: that I have worked in partnership with EPA in partnership with state agencies.

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Vernice: I have never seen a moment like this that doesn't mean that the moment doesn't have challenges that doesn't mean that there's not a lot of history that we still have to overcome. But this is an incredible, incredible moment to be doing this work next slide.

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Vernice: So we talked about the bipartisan infrastructure law. Some of the things that the law is set to do will enable and have identified an expansion

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Vernice: of investment and environmental justice at the highest levels that we have ever seen in the history of the Federal Government. Toxic waste remediation. will get a significant increase in in resources to do more way. Site

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Vernice: clean up around the country. Clean water infrastructure. That means both drinking water, safe drinking water, water, filtration, sanitary sewage systems, storm, water, storm, water, mitigation, flood mitigation at almost every level, as well as there's a separate appropriation that speaks specifically to the removal of lead service lines to also improve. clean drinking water access.

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Vernice: climate change in a variety of ways across a variety of agencies will see historic, significant investments, clean energy deployment by the Department of Energy. Together they will be deploying 1 point, one trillion dollars to clean up super fun sites, replace, lead pipes

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Vernice: protect communities from storms and floods, deliver electric school buses, weatherize low-income homes that's just a fraction of what is being done under the bipartisan infrastructure law next slide.

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Vernice: And here in North Carolina

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Vernice: your Governor.

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Vernice: Okay.

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Vernice: taken a bold step

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Vernice: to make these things possible in the State of North Carolina.

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Vernice: So executive order 246 North Carolina's transportation to a clean, equitable economy.

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Vernice: executive order

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Vernice: is going to allow all North Carolinians irrespective of economic status cultural heritage, race, religion, or zip code that have the right to enjoy a sustainable environment free from environmental injustice, clean air, clean clean water, and clean soil, access

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Vernice: climate change disproportionately impacts people of color in the State of North Carolina low-income communities and indigenous communities, and the solutions must equitably reduce greenhouse gas emissions those are the things that that warm the atmosphere and cause an intensification of climate change and weather conditions

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Vernice: increase community resilience, advanced sustainable economic recovery and infrastructure investments

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Vernice: and efforts, promote public health and health equity, and ensure fair treatment.

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Vernice: meaningful, fair, and equitable public engagement and state agency decision making and implementation to avoid and remedy harmful impacts

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Vernice: on communities most severely and frequently impacted by economic and environmental health disparities. The cumulative impacts of multiple sources of exposure to environmental stressors and communities requires an interagency response

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Vernice: about environment, health, and economy. And how do these issues intersect?

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Vernice: Next slide

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Vernice: executive order 2 271 growing North Carolina 0 emissions, vehicle market.

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Vernice: and this is about accelerating the growth of the medium and heavy duty, 0 emissions, vehicle, or the Zev Market, and contribute to North Carolina's clean energy, environmental justice, and climate objectives by reducing emissions from the most polluting vehicles. and let me just take a moment to pause.

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Vernice: I am racing through this text, and we have people who are interpreting what I'm saying, and I need to slow it way down. Don't, I, Maria.

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Vernice: I I I am just catching up to the fact that some 4 or so has been trying to repeat everything that I say in Spanish. and I need to just slow down what I'm saying. So

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Vernice: we are looking. The State is looking to reduce the emissions from the most polluting vehicles on the road

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Vernice: while generating local economic development and good-paying jobs in a quickly growing sector.

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Vernice: Cabinet agencies are to prioritize strategies identified in the North Carolina clean transportation plan as well as strategies that further environmental justice and equity.

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Vernice: such as creating economic development opportunities for women and minority-owned businesses, increasing affordability and access to medium and heavy duty, 0 emissions, vehicles and underserved communities and improving health outcomes for communities disproportionately impacted by transportation, related air pollution.

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Vernice: The North Carolina Department of Health and human services

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Vernice: shall work to increase understanding and awareness of the disproportionate health impacts of transportation, related emissions, including emissions from medium and heavy duty, vehicles on underserved communities and people of color.

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Vernice: So you have 2 executive orders that are moving

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Vernice: out in terms of implementation at the same time in North Carolina and at the center of both of those executive orders is to try and improve conditions, to try and improve economic outcomes, to try and improve environmental and public health opportunities and conditions in marginalized, underserved.

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Vernice: disproportionately impacted.

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Vernice: indigenous, low-income and communities of color in North Carolina, as well as the State population, as a whole but with a particular focus on those communities next slide.

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Vernice: So that's mine, Bernice. Let me let me finish up by saying that our intent with you today is to get your input

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Vernice: into prioritizing. What are the things that you want us to engage with the State agency leaders and the environmental justice staff leaves of all those agencies. What are the priority things that we should be talking about? To implement these strategies in a way that makes a real difference in people's lives back to you, Maria.

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Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): Wonderful

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Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): thanks for Nice, and just a reminder that on the chat

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Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): are both present presentations, both in English and Spanish, so people can see the content as we go along.

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Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): Okay. So.

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Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): as I said before.

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Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): what we're gonna cover really quickly, so we can get to the panel is

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Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): a list of items of interest, and it's a working draft.

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Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): because is, input that the Governor's office has been getting and collecting.

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Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): So, as you can see, there are 4

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Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): building clarity and capacity to advance environmental justice and equity through a whole of government approach, and I'll go into one of them in a little more detail in a minute.

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Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): The second one is in incorporate environmental justice and equity, considerations and benefits

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Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): into cabinet agencies, strategic planning and decision making processes.

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Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): The third one

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Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): is to build out and strengthen environmental justice data and mapping tools.

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Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): and the fourth one is prioritize the funding to communities that are most impacted

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Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): and more under invested.

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00:21:25.890 --> 00:21:38.000

Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): So let me quickly go into each one of them. The first one. thank you, Bill. Clarity and capacity to advance environmental justice and equity to a whole of government approach.

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00:21:38.130 --> 00:21:40.050

Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): What that means is

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00:21:40.720 --> 00:21:43.630

Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): clearly defining terms

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00:21:44.340 --> 00:21:48.109

Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): that are used across all State agencies.

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Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): In addition to that, invest in consistent training across cabinet agencies

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Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): to help bring awareness and embed environmental justice and equity. Considerations and principles

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00:22:03.930 --> 00:22:06.779

Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): in all agencies. Work

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Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): Number 3 is develop an interagency working group on environmental justice, to coordinate environmental justice actions across the different agencies.

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00:22:20.210 --> 00:22:23.109

Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): And finally, under this first one.

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00:22:23.650 --> 00:22:34.980

Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): to develop a governor's office, environmental Justice Advisory Board to receive wisdom and guidance from environmental justice leaders.

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00:22:36.460 --> 00:22:37.810

Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): The second one

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00:22:38.530 --> 00:22:50.369

Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): next slide, thank you, is to incorporate environmental justice and equity, considerations and benefits into agencies, strategic planning and decision making processes one

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00:22:51.830 --> 00:23:06.930

Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): and the details in that one is requiring incorporating environmental justice and equity, considerations and actions into statewide and agency planning efforts, such as the North Carolina Clean transportation plan.

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Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): also to conduct research into cumulative impacts, including

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Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): the recommendations provided by the Ejaap subcommittee

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00:23:18.230 --> 00:23:24.539

Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): to inform agencies, decision making processes, programs, and priorities

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00:23:26.590 --> 00:23:34.399

Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): to develop a statutory basis, to deny permits when cumulative impacts from inform the decision making

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00:23:34.880 --> 00:23:41.549

Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): and to permit facilities based on monitoring requirements. That center equal protection.

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00:23:42.710 --> 00:23:49.490

Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): The third one is about building and straightening EJ data and the mapping tools

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00:23:50.170 --> 00:23:56.029

Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): by conducting engagement outreach and partnership with communities to develop

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Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): and or improve data on things like pollution, health disparities

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00:24:01.470 --> 00:24:05.910

Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): where waste citing gaps in services, and so on.

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00:24:06.490 --> 00:24:20.729

Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): and mapping tools, such as the North Carolina, the one for North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality Community mapping tool, and the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, environmental health data dashboard.

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Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): also to develop

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Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): integrated interagency map tool that incorporates environmental impacts, exposures.

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Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): vulnerable vulnerable populations

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Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): and socioeconomic factors

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Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): a lot

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Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): ej screen the one created by EPA

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00:24:42.260 --> 00:24:44.229

Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): and the final priority

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00:24:44.320 --> 00:24:48.749

Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): to prioritize funding to communities that are most impacted by

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00:24:48.910 --> 00:24:59.019

Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): developing a process to notify impacted communities of funding opportunities and technical assistance available to both communities and tribes.

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Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): and finally, to prioritize funding for underserved disadvantage and environmentally overburdened communities and tribes.

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Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): So that is the end of the context setting.

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Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): Now,

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Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): that you've heard about the national, the national momentum for advancing this work and this list of items of interest.

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00:25:24.590 --> 00:25:32.050

Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): We have invited some environmental justice leaders in surrounding communities to share from their own experiences

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00:25:32.150 --> 00:25:35.749

Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): what challenges and opportunities face their communities.

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Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): We hope that the context provided, and these leaders reflections will help inform your feedback through the polling and through the public comment session of this meeting.

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00:25:47.010 --> 00:26:05.930

Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): Let me quickly introduce our panelists. They are Anna Flores Dalbo, who is a health and justice organizer for toxic free North Carolina, and has years of experience advocating for the rights of farm workers and improving working conditions.

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Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): We also have Ms. The Linda joiner.

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Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): northeast organizer for clean water for North Carolina

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Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): and Belinda, has been involved in numerous local environmental struggles, effectively organizing against threats, including a liquid fertilizer plant, a hazardous waste incinerator and a private prison

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Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): finally we have with us

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00:26:32.080 --> 00:26:33.530

Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): Omega Wilson.

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Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): co-founder of the West End Revitalization Association

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Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): and Omega's experience is advocating for his community's access to basic infrastructure, such as paved roads and sidewalks, sewage treatment and safe drinking water

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00:26:51.350 --> 00:26:55.299

Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): welcome to our esteemed panelists.

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Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): Let me tell you that we have 3 questions, and would like to give each of you up to 3 min to respond.

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Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): and I will help you with the timing. I will ask you to wrap up when you have 30 s to go.

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00:27:09.900 --> 00:27:17.649

Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): We're going to go in order of in Alpha order. So Anna first, then Ms. Belinda, and then Omega.

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00:27:17.990 --> 00:27:19.959

Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): And the first question is.

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Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): please briefly tell us about your work

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Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): and what you see as the key challenges and opportunities facing environmental justice communities in North Carolina.

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Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): At this moment. Anna.

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Ana Flores-Dolbow: TFNC: Hello, everyone! My name is Anna I have been doing a lot of work with farm workers and farm worker rights, and also educating farm workers about environmental issues

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00:27:47.160 --> 00:28:00.409

Ana Flores-Dolbow: TFNC: and some of the key challenges for the Latinx farm worker. Community specifically, is one not being recognized as an environmental justice group, despite being at the center of

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Ana Flores-Dolbow: TFNC: natural disasters, climate change, air and water, pollution, and essentially all of these issues that intel environmental justice.

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Ana Flores-Dolbow: TFNC: And

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Ana Flores-Dolbow: TFNC: Despite North Carolina being one of 6 States with the highest population of farm workers, they are not taken into account an environmental climate or natural disaster conversations, and it is very crucial for the State of North Carolina to recognize farm workers as an environmental justice group.

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Ana Flores-Dolbow: TFNC: Another thing that I have noticed is minimal outreach being done in our communities

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Ana Flores-Dolbow: TFNC: going to. So, for example, Ncd. Q. Going to a business and dropping off liars in Spanish, is not adequate outreach and Latinx communities that just shows me that they are there to check off a box and do the minimal work that it requires to meet the standard, and just so that everybody knows

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00:28:53.560 --> 00:29:04.419

Ana Flores-Dolbow: TFNC: we are not a box to check off. We are human beings, and I feel like that is very often forgotten, for a lot of the State agencies that are intending to do outreach in Latinx communities.

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Ana Flores-Dolbow: TFNC: permits rules and policies are not available in Spanish language. Justice is an actor thought it's not a priority, unfortunately, and it leaves farm workers misinformed and often in the dark.

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Ana Flores-Dolbow: TFNC: I once asked Ncd. To Secretary Advisor what measures the Department was taking to ensure spanish-speaking communities are not being left in the dark.

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Ana Flores-Dolbow: TFNC: and she told me she didn't know

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Ana Flores-Dolbow: TFNC: so. title 6 says recipients of Federal funding have an obligation to reduce barriers that prevent meaningful access by English language learners. Yet all I have witnessed is State agencies doing them, the men doing the minimum. Forgive me.

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Ana Flores-Dolbow: TFNC: and i'm sorry to put you on the spot, but even for this meeting. They had no idea if there was going to be interpretation available for the Spanish speakers, Why? Because you think that farm workers and

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Ana Flores-Dolbow: TFNC: Spanish speakers do not want to be informed because you don't think that they will participate. It's been because of a lack of

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00:30:06.480 --> 00:30:23.739

Ana Flores-Dolbow: TFNC: outreach and a lack of getting information to this community that they are not being prioritized, and that they are not being thought of as an environmental justice group. And this absolutely has to change. We cannot continue to leave farm workers who contribute to North Carolina's leading

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00:30:23.950 --> 00:30:33.249

Ana Flores-Dolbow: TFNC: North carolina's leading industry in the dark. We literally work to feed you and the nation, and we are at the bottom of everyone's priority list.

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00:30:34.130 --> 00:30:35.829

Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): Thank you. I know so much.

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00:30:37.090 --> 00:30:38.330

Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): Ms. Belinda.

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Belinda Joyner (she,Her): Yes. Can you repeat that question again, please.

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Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): Absolutely.

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Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): briefly. Tell us about your work and what you see as the key challenges and opportunities facing environmental justice communities in North Carolina at this moment.

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Belinda Joyner (she,Her): Okay, as you know, I'm northeast and organized for clean water for North Carolina. I am a voice for my people. I live in Northampton County, where we are home to an in viva plant

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00:31:07.570 --> 00:31:20.399

Belinda Joyner (she,Her): which is primarily right in some of our residents backyards, and the challenges that I see is that you all ask these things of what can be done, or what do we need to be done? And when we express what needs to be done.

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00:31:20.470 --> 00:31:24.730

Belinda Joyner (she,Her): and it's been expressed time and time again. Still, nothing is being done.

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00:31:24.770 --> 00:31:29.160

Belinda Joyner (she,Her): You talk about coming up with new ideas. What you need to do is go back and clean up

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Belinda Joyner (she,Her): was was not being cleaned up. And just last night I looked at the documentary of people from Hurricane, Floyd and and I mean from Hurricane, Florence and Hurricane Matthews. That's living in motels for 3 years.

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00:31:41.340 --> 00:31:45.429

Belinda Joyner (she,Her): Where's that priority we're talking about? See without truth

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00:31:45.560 --> 00:31:50.260

Belinda Joyner (she,Her): there's no justice, and that's why we have injustices. This is why we now communities

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00:31:50.290 --> 00:32:00.250

Belinda Joyner (she,Her): are overlooked, and when you think about a person I I looked at the lady, and I you know I had tears in my eyes because, she said, you know, living in one room for 3 years.

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Belinda Joyner (she,Her): she doesn't have a stove to cook. She doesn't have a refrigerator to put food in. My thing is, the money has been a lot of. Why not go back and take care of what's not being done, and then you might can move forward with what needs to be done.

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00:32:14.060 --> 00:32:19.980

Belinda Joyner (she,Her): We're overlooked in so many areas, and you know we have these meetings.

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Belinda Joyner (she,Her): meetings after meetings, and and it's like we're spending the wheel. We we come right back to the same thing all over again that's not justice.

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00:32:28.520 --> 00:32:41.180

Belinda Joyner (she,Her): That's not helping your community. You know I I've used the phrase that when these politicians i'm running for office, we are their constituents. But then, once they get into office, they forget who their constituents are.

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00:32:41.410 --> 00:32:58.099

Belinda Joyner (she,Her): You know we've been asking for a meeting with Gover Cooper for the last 3 years to no avail. First, it was Jeremiah that we had to talk to now is Jim and Jimmy Bellamy. Who's it going to be next? And with all the things that we express, we send a letter in in January expressing our concerns. It's December now.

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Belinda Joyner (she,Her): and we are just getting a meeting a a public hearing. Now.

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Belinda Joyner (she,Her): So my thing is, if you say that you are here for the people, and you want to help the people

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Belinda Joyner (she,Her): Stop.

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00:33:08.680 --> 00:33:17.370

Belinda Joyner (she,Her): stop hearing and start listening to what we're saying. You know a lot of people can hear. But are you really listening? Are you digesting what's being said?

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00:33:17.380 --> 00:33:31.699

Belinda Joyner (she,Her): Are you putting yourself in our communities place where we have people that can't go out in their yards and cook out because of the particulars that's coming from in Viva. The noise is coming from the trucks when they can't sleep at night. That's an ingested that we didn't ask for.

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00:33:32.240 --> 00:33:35.360

Belinda Joyner (she,Her): We didn't invade their territory. They came in on us.

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00:33:35.640 --> 00:33:39.109

Belinda Joyner (she,Her): but then, when we talk about these things. We are overlooked

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00:33:39.330 --> 00:33:44.320

Belinda Joyner (she,Her): by local government and our State government, and i'm not even going to say I've even been to DC.

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00:33:45.600 --> 00:33:46.740

Belinda Joyner (she,Her): Lobby Day

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00:33:47.540 --> 00:33:50.799

Belinda Joyner (she,Her): to talk to my representative, and, like I say, we talk.

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Belinda Joyner (she,Her): But then, you know, nothing is being done. In other words, you know, you might be hearing us. But are you really listening to what we're saying and trying to do what you say you're going to do? I listen to the later. Read all these things we want to do, not about it. We want to do this. But when are you going to start doing?

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00:34:06.680 --> 00:34:08.060

Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): Thank you. Ms: Belinda.

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00:34:09.340 --> 00:34:11.049

Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): I'm going to go to you, Omega.

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00:34:11.550 --> 00:34:18.700

Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): Please briefly tell us about your work and what you see as the key challenges and opportunities facing environmental justice

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Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): communities in North Carolina.

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00:34:21.949 --> 00:34:23.930

Omega & Brenda Wilson weranc.org: thank you very much.

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00:34:24.239 --> 00:34:27.649

Omega & Brenda Wilson weranc.org: I was honored to be at the signing

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00:34:27.929 --> 00:34:31.330

Omega & Brenda Wilson weranc.org: of the Executive order 200 and 46 on

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00:34:31.440 --> 00:34:35.810

Omega & Brenda Wilson weranc.org: North Korea at and t State University's campus on January seventh.

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00:34:36.199 --> 00:34:39.439

Omega & Brenda Wilson weranc.org: and I will continue to be in direct contact with

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00:34:39.850 --> 00:34:43.660

Omega & Brenda Wilson weranc.org: Governor Cooper's many staff members who are

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Omega & Brenda Wilson weranc.org: working to in court for an environmental justice

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Omega & Brenda Wilson weranc.org: in to their new responsibilities.

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00:34:52.250 --> 00:34:55.640

Omega & Brenda Wilson weranc.org: I am in the Western community area

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00:34:55.659 --> 00:34:57.680

Omega & Brenda Wilson weranc.org: of Meven, North Carolina.

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00:34:58.020 --> 00:35:03.459

Omega & Brenda Wilson weranc.org: and this is emblematic of a lot of the places that have environmental justice.

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Omega & Brenda Wilson weranc.org: West End is a place where

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Omega & Brenda Wilson weranc.org: African

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Omega & Brenda Wilson weranc.org: African American people and some indigenous people were placed after slavery ended in 1,865.

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Omega & Brenda Wilson weranc.org: So before the term environmental justice

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Omega & Brenda Wilson weranc.org: was coin.

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Omega & Brenda Wilson weranc.org: people

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Omega & Brenda Wilson weranc.org: who were quote on called freed

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Omega & Brenda Wilson weranc.org: with minimal accommodations were placed in injustice

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00:35:30.580 --> 00:35:31.740

Omega & Brenda Wilson weranc.org: areas.

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00:35:32.820 --> 00:35:34.140

Omega & Brenda Wilson weranc.org: pool housing

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00:35:34.170 --> 00:35:37.339

Omega & Brenda Wilson weranc.org: like a safe drinking water, school facilities

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00:35:37.630 --> 00:35:42.669

Omega & Brenda Wilson weranc.org: streets, etc. And as the country grew as a state grew.

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00:35:42.840 --> 00:35:47.569

Omega & Brenda Wilson weranc.org: a lot of those things never will put in place, and we still struggle for that

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00:35:48.410 --> 00:35:55.709

Omega & Brenda Wilson weranc.org: the Western Revitalization Association that i'm a Co-founder of started in 1,994

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00:35:55.770 --> 00:35:58.950

Omega & Brenda Wilson weranc.org: to help address what local government officials

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Omega & Brenda Wilson weranc.org: and State Government officials, including Alamance County, the city of Mevin.

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Omega & Brenda Wilson weranc.org: and an oak on appointment of transportation, refused to address

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Omega & Brenda Wilson weranc.org: one of the weakest issues.

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Omega & Brenda Wilson weranc.org: needing to leverage legal action in order to get corrective motivation to

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00:36:17.690 --> 00:36:20.440

Omega & Brenda Wilson weranc.org: or state county and local government.

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00:36:21.190 --> 00:36:24.430

Omega & Brenda Wilson weranc.org: That is one of the things that we've been very much involved in.

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Omega & Brenda Wilson weranc.org: We have some successes

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Omega & Brenda Wilson weranc.org: with getting safe drinking water and sewer install, some streets, paves, and sidewalks.

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00:36:33.060 --> 00:36:37.100

Omega & Brenda Wilson weranc.org: We have more to do than we have gotten done.

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00:36:37.170 --> 00:36:47.369

Omega & Brenda Wilson weranc.org: and the only way that movement was not talking years ago was not talking to the county officials, the city officials of state officials

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00:36:47.570 --> 00:36:49.480

Omega & Brenda Wilson weranc.org: because they were not moving.

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00:36:49.630 --> 00:36:54.330

Omega & Brenda Wilson weranc.org: Based on what Mrs. John, I was saying. A long time, friend and ally.

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00:36:54.540 --> 00:36:57.869

Omega & Brenda Wilson weranc.org: we had to file a complaint with the United States

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Omega & Brenda Wilson weranc.org: Department of Justice

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Omega & Brenda Wilson weranc.org: in 1,999. On the title 6 of the Civil Rights Act.

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Omega & Brenda Wilson weranc.org: They reference. The Executive Order Bummer just is exactly the

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Omega & Brenda Wilson weranc.org: they get any movement.

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00:37:11.500 --> 00:37:13.500

Omega & Brenda Wilson weranc.org: and that movement came about

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Omega & Brenda Wilson weranc.org: to get corrective action started in our communities in Levin Allies Orange County, which is not complete.

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00:37:22.440 --> 00:37:29.470

Omega & Brenda Wilson weranc.org: When the Department of Justice with hell, millions of dollars of Federal appropriations

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Omega & Brenda Wilson weranc.org: that was designated to be used by county and state and local government.

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Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): I need to go to the next question.

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00:37:38.200 --> 00:37:43.140

Omega & Brenda Wilson weranc.org: Okay, I think there has to be communication

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00:37:43.180 --> 00:37:47.690

Omega & Brenda Wilson weranc.org: with local government agencies and not just our communication

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00:37:47.880 --> 00:37:55.769

Omega & Brenda Wilson weranc.org: at the Governor's office level that's required because it happens at the local level, not just as a state level. Thank you.

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00:37:56.190 --> 00:37:57.610

Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): Thank you so much.

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00:37:57.670 --> 00:38:11.949

Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): Now the second question and i'll go back to you, Anna, based on your environmental justice work. What do you see as a top priorities, whether from the stakeholder items of interest list that we covered, or any that you did not see on the list that you would like to add.

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00:38:12.900 --> 00:38:14.270

Ana Flores-Dolbow: TFNC: yes.

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00:38:14.320 --> 00:38:21.990

Ana Flores-Dolbow: TFNC: thank you. I think that every single thing on the list is a priority. But I think what jumped out at me the most was

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Ana Flores-Dolbow: TFNC: defining environmental justice, community and emphasizing engagement of impacted communities and decision making.

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00:38:29.580 --> 00:38:38.080

Ana Flores-Dolbow: TFNC: Again, You know, I feel very strongly about this, because, as a person of color and a farm worker, a part of the environmental justice community

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00:38:38.290 --> 00:38:47.119

Ana Flores-Dolbow: TFNC: that has not been engaged meaningfully, that has been invisibleized, that has been silenced, that has not been engaged at all.

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00:38:47.790 --> 00:38:53.190

Ana Flores-Dolbow: TFNC: My community deserves better. We deserve to be known and

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00:38:54.040 --> 00:38:56.870

Ana Flores-Dolbow: TFNC: be called a justice.

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00:38:57.070 --> 00:39:06.510

Ana Flores-Dolbow: TFNC: an environmental justice community. Because we are, we know better than anybody what it's like to be in areas of constant pollution.

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00:39:06.910 --> 00:39:23.690

Ana Flores-Dolbow: TFNC: and they have. We have the simplest answers to a lot of these issues that we face. But you wouldn't know, because you don't engage with us, and I think that's where emphasizing engagement comes in. Another thing that jumped out at me was the re, the direct evaluation of cumulative impacts.

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00:39:23.700 --> 00:39:35.780

Ana Flores-Dolbow: TFNC: So in Samson County. Children can't go out and play because they have Smithfields. They have kateos they have in Viva. They have the landfill all in one all in one county, and really all in one

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00:39:35.800 --> 00:39:37.330

Ana Flores-Dolbow: TFNC: little area.

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00:39:37.640 --> 00:39:49.030

Ana Flores-Dolbow: TFNC: How is it possible that this was allowed? Just cafes alone should have made somebody say no to the other polluting industries, cafes, pollute water. They pollute air there

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00:39:49.550 --> 00:39:52.919

Ana Flores-Dolbow: TFNC: extremely extremely contaminant.

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00:39:52.930 --> 00:40:09.720

Ana Flores-Dolbow: TFNC: And another thing was considering the impacts of public health. You know, for many years the State of North Carolina has shown great favor to the polling industries and the billions of dollars that they have made at the expense of human health, and this cannot continue to take priority over mothers, over children.

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00:40:09.830 --> 00:40:18.070

Ana Flores-Dolbow: TFNC: over fathers, or any other living thing. We have to ensure that, considering public health be a priority.

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00:40:18.490 --> 00:40:34.729

Ana Flores-Dolbow: TFNC: And another thing was directing the collection of analysis and relevant data. And I also want to say that rather than working against nonprofit organizations and community groups. Why not set specific standards that these organizations and community groups can

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00:40:34.740 --> 00:40:40.319

Ana Flores-Dolbow: TFNC: used to ensure data, collection and analysis can be used by state agencies?

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00:40:40.450 --> 00:40:51.249

Ana Flores-Dolbow: TFNC: You know. I've heard time and time again from colleagues that they have gone out and tested air. They have done air monitoring. They've done water, monitoring and watering water testing. But

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00:40:51.440 --> 00:40:54.950

Ana Flores-Dolbow: TFNC: state agencies always say they cannot use their

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00:40:55.380 --> 00:41:03.849

Ana Flores-Dolbow: TFNC: samples because they don't follow protocol or whatever. Why can't we work together to ensure that our communities are

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00:41:04.030 --> 00:41:13.649

Ana Flores-Dolbow: TFNC: are being taken care of, and that they are. Their health is a priority for us. Why do we have to work separately? Why can't the state agencies work with us.

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00:41:13.850 --> 00:41:15.470

Ana Flores-Dolbow: TFNC: And I also think.

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00:41:15.490 --> 00:41:16.460

Ana Flores-Dolbow: TFNC: Oh, thank you.

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Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): Yeah. Sorry to interrupt. I okay. Thank you. That was really powerful. Thank you, Miss Joiner. based on your work. What do you see as a top priorities, whether from the list we cover or any that you'd like to add

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00:41:32.380 --> 00:41:36.379

Belinda Joyner (she,Her): the top priority. First of all is all these

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00:41:36.450 --> 00:41:41.050

Belinda Joyner (she,Her): pollutants that are allowed to be permitted to come into our communities.

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Belinda Joyner (she,Her): To be allowed to expand, even though you know we we've had

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Belinda Joyner (she,Her): complaints. We file complaints. I've even had people from Deq from the Ej Advisory board to come here to my home.

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Belinda Joyner (she,Her): We took them out in the communities to talk to the people so that they could see. In other words, it's not what i'm saying, this is what they're telling you, because this is the life that they live every day. They can better tell their story than I can.

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00:42:07.750 --> 00:42:11.890

Belinda Joyner (she,Her): and even with that being done, and this was even before the pandemic came.

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00:42:12.190 --> 00:42:15.699

Belinda Joyner (she,Her): You know. the priorities is

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00:42:15.740 --> 00:42:28.070

Belinda Joyner (she,Her): coming out. If you're really concerned about the people, if you really care about the people just like Anna said. Why not get a group of people? You know you all the talk, and you know you got this group. How do I get a group of people to come out to these communities

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00:42:28.080 --> 00:42:36.700

Belinda Joyner (she,Her): and see for yourself, and then you will know what is all about. You know it won't be. Well, they said this. They said that I just feel like, if you are concerned enough.

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00:42:37.000 --> 00:42:47.149

Belinda Joyner (she,Her): then you can put your boots on the ground and come out and survey these things and look at them and say, okay, this is not what I want for me. So you know. Why do I want that for them.

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00:42:47.180 --> 00:42:50.930

Belinda Joyner (she,Her): the permitting processes that we go to, and we've Big

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00:42:50.950 --> 00:42:57.279

Belinda Joyner (she,Her): Deq. I've had so many meetings with Michael Reagan. I've had so many meetings with Mike Aspaganza. They even put a

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Belinda Joyner (she,Her): Thus: monitor up at our high school, supposedly to

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00:43:03.150 --> 00:43:08.070

Belinda Joyner (she,Her): the tech the dust is coming from in Vive. We have a paper meal which is right across the

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00:43:08.110 --> 00:43:31.760

Belinda Joyner (she,Her): the ward, and then the other week on the meeting Mike said they hadn't had any complaints about dust, so that we didn't have any complaints about the dust. Why put a dust monitor up, and then who's monitoring that dust monitor? In other words, don't do things just to appease the community, do things for the community because this is what you care about, and this is what you want to see done, and then we could have some faith in the system, because right now I have no faith.

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00:43:31.970 --> 00:43:46.039

Belinda Joyner (she,Her): I just feel like we are not being represented by like, I say, local government, State government, Federal Government. We have no representation because they can come in. And and I asked the question. We had a public hearing in 2,019.

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00:43:46.620 --> 00:43:50.580

Belinda Joyner (she,Her): We had about 40 people, and I mean we even had a gentleman all the way from England.

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Belinda Joyner (she,Her): and when we met with Mr. Reagan in February of 2020, and I asked him. I said, let me ask you a question, I said, with all the people that were opposed to the expansion

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Belinda Joyner (she,Her): for title. 5 permit! Why was it granted? And his words to me was as long as they are in compliance with what the State say that they should be, then we have to grant that permit.

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00:44:12.060 --> 00:44:18.470

Belinda Joyner (she,Her): So then, the next question, Why are you having a public hearing? If it's already going to be done. That's a waste of people's time.

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00:44:18.810 --> 00:44:35.380

Belinda Joyner (she,Her): And then so he said, they use the the comments from the public hearing to strengthen the permitting laws. So my next question Well, when are you all going to start doing it? Because they grant the permits? But then nobody oversee it. And then, when we talk to Mike and them, they say we go out once a year and and inspect.

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00:44:35.390 --> 00:44:43.189

Belinda Joyner (she,Her): So now you got 11 more months to do whatever years that you're doing. If nobody is coming back out to inspect you again unknowingly.

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00:44:43.230 --> 00:44:44.729

Belinda Joyner (she,Her): that they are going to come.

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00:44:44.830 --> 00:44:50.209

Belinda Joyner (she,Her): then you can do what you want to do, and write up in the report that I'm going by every law that you all say that I have to.

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00:44:50.560 --> 00:44:52.549

Belinda Joyner (she,Her): But then we know that that's not true.

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00:44:53.180 --> 00:45:04.260

Belinda Joyner (she,Her): So my thing is, you are the government you working with these organizations, and you say you want to do help people with injustices. Then I think that you all need to get a crew

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00:45:04.870 --> 00:45:14.769

Belinda Joyner (she,Her): and don't say what we don't have that money, because y'all got a lot of money that don't even go to. We're supposed to be going, so put it to you and come out in the communities. If you really care and see for yourself.

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00:45:14.870 --> 00:45:16.390

Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): Thank you. Ms. Joiner

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Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): based on your work.

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Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): What do you see us?

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Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): Top priorities?

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00:45:26.950 --> 00:45:29.410

Omega & Brenda Wilson weranc.org: The top priority is a continuum.

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00:45:29.580 --> 00:45:33.429

Omega & Brenda Wilson weranc.org: and is a containment of development without

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00:45:33.580 --> 00:45:38.489

Omega & Brenda Wilson weranc.org: addressing the people who are already in this.

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00:45:38.600 --> 00:45:42.459

Omega & Brenda Wilson weranc.org: that disparity includes health disparities

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00:45:42.540 --> 00:45:45.779

Omega & Brenda Wilson weranc.org: based on environmental inequities.

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00:45:45.920 --> 00:45:53.180

Omega & Brenda Wilson weranc.org: right now, Alamance County, in Lebanon Orange county where Mevin is, and it's in both counties.

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00:45:53.430 --> 00:45:57.130

Omega & Brenda Wilson weranc.org: and they approved zoning and planning for some of the largest facilities

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Omega & Brenda Wilson weranc.org: right now that have been built in the state in the country and in the world

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Omega & Brenda Wilson weranc.org: a ups facility. 250 million dollars

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Omega & Brenda Wilson weranc.org: chick for a 67 million dollars.

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00:46:11.280 --> 00:46:18.679

Omega & Brenda Wilson weranc.org: Cambro, 100 and the Walmart, the largest Walmart distribution. Facility in the country is here 100 million.

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00:46:18.850 --> 00:46:23.690

Omega & Brenda Wilson weranc.org: but communities that have been red line out of city and city services

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Omega & Brenda Wilson weranc.org: there are

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00:46:25.740 --> 00:46:32.410

Omega & Brenda Wilson weranc.org: that are of fronting and right decide, and places where they recruiting workers from

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00:46:32.540 --> 00:46:34.269

Omega & Brenda Wilson weranc.org: still do not get.

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00:46:34.670 --> 00:46:39.540

Omega & Brenda Wilson weranc.org: The infrastructure is a safe drinking water sewer, and sometimes upgraded streets.

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00:46:39.780 --> 00:46:44.279

Omega & Brenda Wilson weranc.org: The brand new facilities are getting some of the largest in the world.

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00:46:44.580 --> 00:46:50.669

Omega & Brenda Wilson weranc.org: There's something wrong with that structure, and we see articles on a regular basis. That was one this morning.

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Omega & Brenda Wilson weranc.org: the Alamance food is expanding in Alamance County. Burlington.

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Omega & Brenda Wilson weranc.org: the governor was quoted, complimenting what is being what is being done in the jobs.

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00:47:01.670 --> 00:47:04.309

Omega & Brenda Wilson weranc.org: But there's no no reference to

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00:47:04.330 --> 00:47:06.010

Omega & Brenda Wilson weranc.org: the equities

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00:47:06.970 --> 00:47:11.190

Omega & Brenda Wilson weranc.org: in the communities where they are recruiting workers to work in these facilities

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00:47:11.840 --> 00:47:14.899

Omega & Brenda Wilson weranc.org: there. There needs to be some formal process

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00:47:15.240 --> 00:47:18.580

Omega & Brenda Wilson weranc.org: when zoning and planning is done for these facilities

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00:47:18.670 --> 00:47:22.360

Omega & Brenda Wilson weranc.org: that they have to incorporate environmental justice.

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Omega & Brenda Wilson weranc.org: Some of that is pretty visible and easy by putting in solar panels on some of the roofs of these facilities

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00:47:29.420 --> 00:47:32.579

Omega & Brenda Wilson weranc.org: that are acres and acres.

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00:47:32.640 --> 00:47:33.709

Omega & Brenda Wilson weranc.org: why.

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00:47:33.910 --> 00:47:38.669

Omega & Brenda Wilson weranc.org: you know, along some of the parking areas where the giant tractor trailer folks come in.

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00:47:38.720 --> 00:47:42.429

Omega & Brenda Wilson weranc.org: And now the numbers are increasing by the thousands. Right?

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00:47:42.700 --> 00:47:44.600

Omega & Brenda Wilson weranc.org: That needs to be something.

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00:47:44.650 --> 00:47:49.440

Omega & Brenda Wilson weranc.org: This sit along with the Governor's endorsement

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00:47:49.580 --> 00:47:53.209

Omega & Brenda Wilson weranc.org: and encouragement of new facilities with new jobs

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00:47:53.370 --> 00:47:58.879

Omega & Brenda Wilson weranc.org: those press releases should also say those companies have also agreed

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00:47:59.360 --> 00:48:12.750

Omega & Brenda Wilson weranc.org: to climate justice issues. They've agreed to put in solar panels. They've agreed to provide funding to correct water, and so infrastructure for the communities where the workers come from.

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00:48:12.880 --> 00:48:17.399

Omega & Brenda Wilson weranc.org: If something keeps being missing in this process almost as if

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00:48:17.420 --> 00:48:26.130

Omega & Brenda Wilson weranc.org: the governor's office in government ages sees all free. If they say that these giant corporations will not come to our state.

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00:48:26.540 --> 00:48:33.900

Omega & Brenda Wilson weranc.org: That's a significant priority and a significant inequity that's still being built in to the economy.

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00:48:34.080 --> 00:48:37.459

Omega & Brenda Wilson weranc.org: And this particular executive order is supposed to talk about

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00:48:37.630 --> 00:48:39.640

Omega & Brenda Wilson weranc.org: equitable economy.

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00:48:39.660 --> 00:48:41.100

Omega & Brenda Wilson weranc.org: There's a

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00:48:41.490 --> 00:48:49.009

Omega & Brenda Wilson weranc.org: oxymoron and what we're talking about, and how the executive order addresses water. So land

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00:48:49.180 --> 00:48:51.200

Omega & Brenda Wilson weranc.org: and infrastructure.

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Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): Thank you, Omega. Thank you so much. Thank you.

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Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): to the panelists. powerful input.

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00:48:59.780 --> 00:49:10.890

Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): I appreciate your candidness. Now. I'm going to turn it over to my colleague, Sarah, who is going to walk us through a series of polling questions to help us gather

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00:49:11.000 --> 00:49:15.959

Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): your feedback on the stakeholder. Items of interest, Sarah.

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00:49:17.090 --> 00:49:22.750

SEM iPhone: Great. Thank you so much, Maria. and thank you so much to our panelists. I am

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00:49:22.860 --> 00:49:26.409

SEM iPhone: I believe that Mallory is going to drop

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00:49:26.430 --> 00:49:33.150

SEM iPhone: some instructions for using Mentor in the chat.

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00:49:33.390 --> 00:49:37.469

SEM iPhone: if you haven't used mentimator before, this is just a polling

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00:49:38.350 --> 00:49:49.140

SEM iPhone: tool that we want to use to gather some of your feedback on what items from the stakeholder items of interest list. Everyone on the phone believes that, on the call believes that it's important

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00:49:49.480 --> 00:49:52.660

SEM iPhone: for advancing environmental justice in North Carolina.

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00:49:52.770 --> 00:50:02.580

SEM iPhone: so you can either through your phone or if you're on the laptop computer, go to [www.mentee.com](http://www.mentee.com).

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SEM iPhone: m, e, n t, i.com, and use the code for 2, 8, 5,

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00:50:10.430 --> 00:50:12.790

SEM iPhone: 4, 7, 6, 8

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00:50:13.940 --> 00:50:21.130

SEM iPhone: to enter your responses. that's the English language version of the polls. and Mallory. Is there a separate

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00:50:21.600 --> 00:50:24.540

SEM iPhone: code for getting into the

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00:50:24.610 --> 00:50:26.119

SEM iPhone: in which version of the pool?

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00:50:31.200 --> 00:50:35.149

Mallory Anderson (she/her): Let me pull that up. I accidentally lost that off my screen.

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00:50:35.680 --> 00:50:37.280

SEM iPhone: Great. No problem. Take your time

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00:50:39.280 --> 00:50:44.149

SEM iPhone: for folks who want to use the Spanish language version. We'll have that in the chat for you in a moment.

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00:50:44.270 --> 00:51:01.280

SEM iPhone: and I see some folks have begun to enter the poll and and to your responses, so we invite you for this first question to select all that apply all that you think are important, so we can get a sense of of what folks where folks priorities are.

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00:51:07.680 --> 00:51:13.169

SEM iPhone: and we'll take our time so that folks who want to use the Spanish language version have a moment to respond as well.

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00:51:25.940 --> 00:51:28.039

Violette Blumenthal: Could you repeat the code, please?

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00:51:29.780 --> 00:51:30.589

SEM iPhone: Yes.

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SEM iPhone: the code for the English language version of the pool is 4, 2, 8, 5,

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00:51:38.840 --> 00:51:41.149

SEM iPhone: 4, 7, 6, 8.

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00:52:37.030 --> 00:52:42.399

SEM iPhone: Okay, while we're waiting on the Spanish code, it looks like

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00:52:42.500 --> 00:52:47.070

SEM iPhone: There's a lot of interest across the board. and all of the items.

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00:52:47.330 --> 00:52:55.979

SEM iPhone: 2 that are kind of rising to the top are requiring incorporating environmental justice and equity, considerations and actions

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00:52:56.090 --> 00:53:08.450

SEM iPhone: into statewide and agency planning efforts so making sure that all of the State agencies have ej and equity considerations as priorities when they're doing their planning

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00:53:09.590 --> 00:53:13.360

SEM iPhone: and another one that's at the top is prioritizing, funding

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00:53:13.430 --> 00:53:19.390

SEM iPhone: for underserved, disadvantaged, and environmentally overburdened communities and tribes.

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00:53:37.010 --> 00:53:42.949

Mallory Anderson (she/her): Sarah, we're having a little technical difficulties with the Spanish one. I'm not sure what's going on

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00:53:43.260 --> 00:53:47.220

Mallory Anderson (she/her): but we can go ahead and drop into the chat, and just a couple of minutes.

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00:53:47.700 --> 00:53:53.789

Mallory Anderson (she/her): if we want to keep this moving on the English side. And my apologies. I'm: not sure what's going on.

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00:53:54.400 --> 00:53:55.109

SEM iPhone: Okay.

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00:53:55.400 --> 00:54:05.799

SEM iPhone: let's do that just for time, because we do also want to be able to get to the public comment. so that folks who have signed up to speak can do that. but these questions

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00:54:06.290 --> 00:54:13.440

SEM iPhone: will be available in the Spanish language version. As soon as we drop that in the chat, and thank you all for your patience with us on that.

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00:54:14.190 --> 00:54:19.419

SEM iPhone: so let's go to the next question. on the screen. If you would, Valerie.

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00:54:19.580 --> 00:54:26.380

SEM iPhone: you'll see that this is the same list of priorities this time. We're just going to ask you if you could pick your top 5

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00:54:26.510 --> 00:54:27.889

SEM iPhone: which would they be?

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00:54:29.620 --> 00:54:33.019

SEM iPhone: So we'll get folks another moment to respond to that.

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00:54:56.120 --> 00:55:01.010

SEM iPhone: Okay, starting to see some responses come in, good folks a few more minutes to

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00:55:01.500 --> 00:55:10.459

SEM iPhone: select their top 5 again. We're just trying to get a sense of where where the energy is from folks who are in the meeting with us today.

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00:55:35.690 --> 00:55:38.500

SEM iPhone: Okay, again, that prioritize funding

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00:55:38.610 --> 00:55:46.110

SEM iPhone: to underserved, disadvantaged, and environmentally overburdened communities and tribes is rising to the top.

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00:55:46.420 --> 00:55:51.960

SEM iPhone: as well as the statewide and agency planning efforts again

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00:55:52.170 --> 00:55:54.050

SEM iPhone: also, considering

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00:55:54.120 --> 00:55:59.920

SEM iPhone: the statutory basis for denying permits when cumulative impacts are informing decision making

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00:56:01.230 --> 00:56:09.890

SEM iPhone: and developing a process to notify impacted communities of funding opportunities and technical assistance that might be available to them.

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00:56:14.920 --> 00:56:19.519

SEM iPhone: Okay, thank you all for your responses on this one. Let's go to the next one, Mary.

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00:56:23.370 --> 00:56:32.069

SEM iPhone: the next 2 questions are transportation focused, and this is because, the State is currently working on some clean transportation planning

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00:56:32.160 --> 00:56:33.149

SEM iPhone: efforts.

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00:56:33.210 --> 00:56:42.559

SEM iPhone: so we just want to get a sense of, as you think about the environmental justice priorities in your community. How high of a priority or transportation issues one

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00:56:42.630 --> 00:56:43.709

SEM iPhone: for your community.

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00:57:08.520 --> 00:57:12.030

SEM iPhone: No, it looks like you might have to push the activate slide button.

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00:57:13.170 --> 00:57:14.109

Thanks.

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00:57:15.680 --> 00:57:27.029

SEM iPhone: and i'm getting an update that the centimeter code for the Spanish will be available in just a few minutes. So folks who want to respond to these questions in Spanish will be able to do that.

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00:57:27.070 --> 00:57:33.659

SEM iPhone: in a moment, and we'll let you know verbally when that code has been dropped into the chat.

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00:57:34.190 --> 00:57:43.450

SEM iPhone: So I am seeing a lot of folks responding that transportation issues are either extremely important or important. They have communities. It looks like.

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00:57:43.790 --> 00:57:53.640

SEM iPhone: over 75 of the respondents or in one of those 2 categories. but for other communities and other experiences it's somewhat important or moderately important

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00:57:55.180 --> 00:57:57.430

SEM iPhone: going to the next question.

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00:58:03.210 --> 00:58:14.750

SEM iPhone: All right. so this question we're asking you to rank how you would prioritize funding for different types of transportation projects one being the most important

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SEM iPhone: and 6 being the least important.

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00:58:17.430 --> 00:58:19.990

SEM iPhone: and the reason we're curious to get your

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00:58:20.150 --> 00:58:29.010

SEM iPhone: on these rankings is that there is a large amount of funding available for transportation projects through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act

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00:58:29.090 --> 00:58:38.599

SEM iPhone: and the Inflation Reduction Act. So we're curious to see how your priorities might shake out related to each of these transportation topics.

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Violette Blumenthal: I'm sorry I need the code again.

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00:58:43.070 --> 00:58:43.970

SEM iPhone: Sure.

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00:58:44.250 --> 00:58:49.550

SEM iPhone: the code for the English language version is 4, 2, 8, 5,

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00:58:49.960 --> 00:58:54.370

SEM iPhone: 4, 7, 6, 8, and it's also visible in the chat.

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00:58:56.860 --> 00:58:57.790

SEM iPhone: Okay.

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00:59:02.270 --> 00:59:06.560

SEM iPhone: I still see folks responding, so we'll give it another minute or so. Here

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00:59:11.690 --> 00:59:18.469

SEM iPhone: it's like air pollution reduction reconnecting communities that access to public transit

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00:59:18.830 --> 00:59:21.690

SEM iPhone: are pretty consistently at the top of the list

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00:59:23.300 --> 00:59:28.409

SEM iPhone: with biking and pedestrian safety traffic, congestion, mitigation.

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00:59:28.560 --> 00:59:32.919

SEM iPhone: and ev charging access a little lower on the priority list.

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00:59:33.120 --> 00:59:35.209

SEM iPhone: for folks who are on the call today

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00:59:44.480 --> 00:59:46.830

SEM iPhone: go ahead and move to our final question

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00:59:48.180 --> 01:00:01.980

SEM iPhone: for this final question: it's a free response. So you're welcome to type your thoughts in, and this is the the same as the last question we asked the panelists which is, Are there any other items of interest that you would like to see added

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01:00:01.990 --> 01:00:08.929

SEM iPhone: to the stakeholder items of interest list. So we'll give a moment for folks to type their thoughts out and share them with us.

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01:00:36.880 --> 01:00:41.399

SEM iPhone: Okay, One person shared funding for water filtration systems

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01:00:41.790 --> 01:00:45.169

SEM iPhone: and maintenance support for people who want to keep using private.

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01:00:45.850 --> 01:00:47.009

SEM iPhone: The great one.

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01:00:51.460 --> 01:00:58.339

SEM iPhone: okay, I see a lot of responses coming in, and I think because responses come in, they'll start scrolling across the screen. A couple

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01:00:58.400 --> 01:01:05.699

SEM iPhone: to highlight would be incorporating environmental justice principles into city and zoning and planning.

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01:01:07.490 --> 01:01:12.640

SEM iPhone: needing regulation for the poultry, industry and wood pellet industry.

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01:01:14.290 --> 01:01:19.390

SEM iPhone: not enough attention on rural issues, as it relates to environmental and justice.

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01:01:19.840 --> 01:01:24.100

SEM iPhone: The majority of proposals would have urban or suburban improvements.

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01:01:27.380 --> 01:01:32.659

SEM iPhone: correcting legislation that would make ej and all permitting decisions mandatory

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01:01:36.800 --> 01:01:41.109

the department of other languages to handle non-english communication.

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01:01:42.190 --> 01:01:43.120

It's great. One

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01:01:47.170 --> 01:01:50.169

SEM iPhone: more affordable housing for single young adults.

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01:01:50.220 --> 01:01:53.309

SEM iPhone: I don't know if we can scroll down manually. Maybe.

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01:01:53.530 --> 01:01:54.240

Thank you.

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01:01:54.810 --> 01:01:55.600

Okay.

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01:01:56.190 --> 01:02:00.749

SEM iPhone: These are some great responses. Thank you all for taking the time to type them into

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01:02:00.860 --> 01:02:02.719

SEM iPhone: the chat.

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01:02:03.580 --> 01:02:08.459

SEM iPhone: equity and community engagement requirements for companies that accept state incentives.

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01:02:09.230 --> 01:02:15.010

SEM iPhone: investments in public transportation and transit connections between cities and communities.

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01:02:17.430 --> 01:02:22.180

SEM iPhone: listening and actions need to be taken. Someone lifting up with what our panelists said.

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01:02:22.590 --> 01:02:25.389

SEM iPhone: making rent control Legal in North Carolina.

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01:02:27.420 --> 01:02:32.219

SEM iPhone: Compliance with civil rights obligations under Federal law, including title. 6

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01:02:34.640 --> 01:02:39.350

SEM iPhone: North Carolina State departments should have internal panels created to set

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01:02:39.700 --> 01:02:42.270

SEM iPhone: top 3 ej problems historically.

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01:02:42.490 --> 01:02:45.509

SEM iPhone: and examine the procedural processes that enable them

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01:02:45.610 --> 01:02:47.330

SEM iPhone: on justice problems.

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01:02:48.770 --> 01:02:52.259

SEM iPhone: another person echoing the panelists that updating the

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01:02:52.330 --> 01:02:54.680

SEM iPhone: requirements would be really important

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01:02:55.970 --> 01:03:06.060

SEM iPhone: mit

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01:03:06.080 --> 01:03:08.380

SEM iPhone: and get them involved in the decision making

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01:03:09.240 --> 01:03:11.209

SEM iPhone: removing parking minimums.

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01:03:12.720 --> 01:03:17.189

SEM iPhone: Stop allowing self-reporting and self-regulation for polluters.

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01:03:21.050 --> 01:03:29.839

SEM iPhone: Okay, the mentimeter will remain open but we also want to make sure that we move on to the public comment portion of the meeting.

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01:03:31.100 --> 01:03:32.520

SEM iPhone: So

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01:03:32.600 --> 01:03:37.889

SEM iPhone: we are working on getting the spanish-language version of these polls

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01:03:37.990 --> 01:03:54.539

SEM iPhone: available, and we'll drop that in the chat for everyone during the public comment worse in the meeting. as soon as it's available, and so we will. just kind of verbally let folks know when that is has been entered into the chat and thank you for your patience with us on that.

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01:03:55.750 --> 01:04:00.880

SEM iPhone: I'm gonna pass it back to Maria. Now to move us into the next portion of our meeting.

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01:04:03.090 --> 01:04:04.440

Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): Thank you, Sarah

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01:04:06.340 --> 01:04:09.480

Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): Carolina, i'm going to

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01:04:09.940 --> 01:04:16.879

Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): pass it to you now. thank you. Everybody for participating in the polling.

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01:04:17.260 --> 01:04:21.700

Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): i'm just going to reinstate that

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01:04:22.120 --> 01:04:23.640

Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): Besides this

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01:04:23.750 --> 01:04:25.299

Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): virtual meetings.

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01:04:25.380 --> 01:04:32.409

Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): there are 2 more meetings that will be in person in the first quarter of 2,023,

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01:04:32.500 --> 01:04:35.250

Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): and where we will be

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01:04:35.480 --> 01:04:38.639

Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): getting more of your input. So stay tuned

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01:04:38.670 --> 01:04:41.519

Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): the dates to be determined.

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01:04:42.450 --> 01:04:48.160

Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): Let's move to the public common part of the meeting, Carolina. I'm gonna pass it to you.

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01:04:48.760 --> 01:05:07.070

Carolina Fonseca Jimenez: Thank you, Maddia. I appreciate it. While I read off the first comments, I want to Just give folks a little bit of time to set up that virtual timer. And but I want to

thank you for joining us today. I'm happy to facilitate the public comment period. We have a total of 39 people who signed up to provide comments tonight.

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01:05:07.190 --> 01:05:20.249

Carolina Fonseca Jimenez: Each person will have 2 min to speak to help us Stay prepared. I will call the name of the person who is up to speak, and I will also share the person who is next at your time to speak. Our facilitators will unmute you. So don't worry about that.

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01:05:20.390 --> 01:05:27.760

Carolina Fonseca Jimenez: We would like to be respectful of folks's time. So if we have time left at the end, I will invite folks to provide comments who were not able to sign up.

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01:05:27.870 --> 01:05:40.490

Carolina Fonseca Jimenez: I want to also share that there will be an opportunity to provide written comments at a later date. So stay tuned for those details. And lastly, like Myia mentioned, there will be additional input sessions that will be announced for early next year.

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01:05:40.520 --> 01:05:57.070

Carolina Fonseca Jimenez: So with that being, said, i'm not sure if I see the virtual timer, but if not, I do have one set up here on my phone, and just to be respectful of folks this time i'll go ahead and start. Our first public comment comes from Crystal Cavalier, followed by Belinda Joiner.

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01:06:03.240 --> 01:06:07.299

Carolina Fonseca Jimenez: Once your unmuted crystal, or start your two-minute Timer

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01:06:13.720 --> 01:06:18.270

SEM iPhone: Carolina. This is Sarah i'm not seeing Crystal in the participant list.

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01:06:19.560 --> 01:06:22.290

SEM iPhone: I think we could move on to Miss Joiner.

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01:06:22.550 --> 01:06:34.760

Belinda Joyner (she,Her): that we'll go to Belinda, Join her, followed by Danielle Kohns

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01:06:35.200 --> 01:06:38.649

Belinda Joyner (she,Her): no worries. I'll give my time to Daniel.

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01:06:38.830 --> 01:06:44.350

Carolina Fonseca Jimenez: I do appreciate that. Danielle Koons, followed by Daesha Williams, Danielle.

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01:06:56.230 --> 01:06:59.720

SEM iPhone: not seeing Danielle in the

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01:07:00.130 --> 01:07:06.880

Carolina Fonseca Jimenez: I. I appreciate the feedback, since I can't see everyone, so that's very helpful. let's go to Daesha Williams.

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01:07:09.390 --> 01:07:12.930

Carolina Fonseca Jimenez: she will be followed by

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01:07:17.340 --> 01:07:25.420

SEM iPhone: it. Looks like Daisha may not be on either. I wouldn't ask groups if you happen to have joined by phone if it's possible for you to change your

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01:07:25.510 --> 01:07:31.310

SEM iPhone: name in the meeting, so that we know who you are, and we're not missing you for the public comment.

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01:07:34.570 --> 01:07:38.439

Carolina Fonseca Jimenez: Thank you. We'll go ahead and move on to.

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01:07:38.750 --> 01:07:42.620

Carolina Fonseca Jimenez: and she's followed by Yolanda Adams.

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01:07:53.510 --> 01:08:11.150

Carolina Fonseca Jimenez: We don't see her either. Okay, I'm not saying her or Yolanda. Okay, no worries. I'll keep moving on, and if they come in at a later time and we have time. I'm. I'm happy to include her. We'll move on to Will Hendrik, and followed by Quanta John Light will.

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01:08:12.060 --> 01:08:13.319

Will Hendrick: Good evening. Can you hear me?

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01:08:13.570 --> 01:08:17.040

Carolina Fonseca Jimenez: Yes, please go ahead. I'll go ahead and start your timer now.

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01:08:17.210 --> 01:08:26.540

Will Hendrick: thank you. My name is Will Hendrik. I'm. With the North Carolina Conservation Network, and I want to speak tonight to urge Governor Cooper to issue an executive order focused on environmental justice.

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01:08:26.760 --> 01:08:35.770

Will Hendrick: the directives, and that Eo should apply to all environment and policy decisions made by Cabinet agencies and not just those related to climate change and transportation policy

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01:08:36.029 --> 01:08:41.469

Will Hendrick: to ensure effective implementation and public accountability. That executive order should state clear goals

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Will Hendrick: to ensure progress towards those Goals Agency Staff should have adequate capacity and resources

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Will Hendrick: to ensure consistency of their efforts. That you should define

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01:08:52.390 --> 01:09:02.189

Will Hendrick: what it means by environmental justice communities in a way that considers community composition and vulnerability and the disparate pollution burdens born by local residents.

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Will Hendrick: To operationalize that definition.

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01:09:04.930 --> 01:09:11.390

Will Hendrick: the administration must evaluate cumulative impacts of multiple sources of pollution, including the impact on global health.

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Will Hendrick: To inform that evaluation, the data must be collected and mapping tools develop

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01:09:17.130 --> 01:09:19.580

Will Hendrick: to accurately involve agency decisions.

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01:09:20.350 --> 01:09:29.759

Will Hendrick: But analyses and goals don't matter as much as final decisions, and the prioritize engagement of North Carolinians living in Ej. Communities to inform agency decisions.

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Will Hendrick: vo should also direct agencies to uphold their obligations under Federal super right slot to avoid actions that will cause or exacerbate discriminatory.

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Will Hendrick: 4 and 6

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01:09:39.970 --> 01:09:44.069

Charles Warren: taxpayer dollars must not be used to support industry, recruitment, or expansion

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Will Hendrick: threatens environmental quality for public health in the Uj community.

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Will Hendrick: And finally, State agencies must prioritize investment in environmental justice communities

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01:09:53.689 --> 01:10:00.190

Will Hendrick: and do so by developing and implementing communications plans specifically designed to reach Uj. Community

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01:10:00.760 --> 01:10:06.309

Will Hendrick: as well as offering technical support to applicants to make sure the money gets to where it's needed most.

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01:10:06.590 --> 01:10:11.650

Will Hendrick: All of these actions are more likely with leadership is demonstrated from the topic.

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01:10:12.030 --> 01:10:19.460

Will Hendrick: and I think there are far more things that could be done and look forward to hearing what additional public commenters have to recommend.

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01:10:19.630 --> 01:10:20.219

Will Hendrick: Okay.

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01:10:21.770 --> 01:10:31.869

Carolina Fonseca Jimenez: thank you. Well, I appreciate that. before I call the next speaker. I do want to remind folks, if you can mute yourselves. To make sure that we don't get any feedback, and to be respectful of our speakers.

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01:10:31.890 --> 01:10:36.349

Carolina Fonseca Jimenez: The next person is Quanta John Light, followed by Philip Bessie.

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01:10:36.440 --> 01:10:37.420

Carolina Fonseca Jimenez: Quanta.

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01:10:51.140 --> 01:10:51.750

Okay.

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01:10:52.800 --> 01:10:55.739

Carolina Fonseca Jimenez: I don't think I see her on my end team. Do you see her.

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01:10:56.960 --> 01:11:03.980

Carolina Fonseca Jimenez: I am not seeing her. Okay, No worries. We'll move on to Phillip Bessie, followed by Angela Lee.

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01:11:04.240 --> 01:11:05.139

Carolina Fonseca Jimenez: Fill up.

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01:11:08.490 --> 01:11:12.709

SEM iPhone: I am not seeing Philip in the list, either.

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01:11:13.690 --> 01:11:15.059

Carolina Fonseca Jimenez: Angela Lee.

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01:11:21.790 --> 01:11:23.429

SEM iPhone: I'm not seeing this, Lee.

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01:11:24.300 --> 01:11:30.470

Carolina Fonseca Jimenez: All right, let's move on to Ct. Anderson, followed by Bonita Green.

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01:11:39.020 --> 01:11:40.609

SEM iPhone: I'm not seeing

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01:11:40.710 --> 01:11:43.220

SEM iPhone: Ct Anderson.

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01:11:43.590 --> 01:11:46.429

Carolina Fonseca Jimenez: Okay.

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01:11:48.560 --> 01:11:55.040

bonita green: Good evening, everyone. My name is Benita Green, and I live in Durham, North Carolina. I

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01:11:55.310 --> 01:12:06.730

bonita green: fully support Belinda Jon and her comments. I agree with a lot of the comments that have been made here. But Miss Jonas's comments on the urgency to get this funding

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01:12:06.740 --> 01:12:27.400

bonita green: into the communities as soon as possible is very important, I know, on your polling there was a question on air pollution, but water pollution is even more evident now with the pfas that are in our water system, and also I don't know if in other areas. But in Durham County, e coli is showing up

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01:12:27.410 --> 01:12:31.360

bonita green: in our streams throughout our watershed. So

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01:12:32.420 --> 01:12:39.539

bonita green: to mitigate these problems, there's a problem with the water. This problem with our air. We need those solutions to be dealt with now

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01:12:40.060 --> 01:12:44.589

bonita green: and not be caught up in further red tape. There are also

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bonita green: also the environmental justice issues that surround a lot of the States roads that they own across the State. These rural roads are lacking of infrastructure, and they are traditionally in your lower income or lower wealth. Communities.

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bonita green: Residents are dying. We're losing lives by people being struck by cars. and a lot of these roads also do not have any traffic coming solutions to them.

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01:13:11.870 --> 01:13:17.059

bonita green: So we really need to place people before processes.

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bonita green: and

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01:13:18.230 --> 01:13:22.060

bonita green: push this money out into the community as quickly as possible. Thank you.

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01:13:23.810 --> 01:13:28.870

Carolina Fonseca Jimenez: Thank you, Bonita. We appreciate your comments. We'll move on to Dr. Blanche Penn

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01:13:29.160 --> 01:13:34.279

Carolina Fonseca Jimenez: followed my, followed by Excuse me, Omega and Brandy Wilson. So, Dr. Blanch, you're up.

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SEM iPhone: I'm not seeing Dr. Pen.

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Okay.

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SEM iPhone: we make that

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01:13:46.410 --> 01:13:47.410

Carolina Fonseca Jimenez: i'm sorry.

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01:13:47.780 --> 01:13:49.739

SEM iPhone: I said. I think we can go to Omega.

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01:13:49.880 --> 01:13:53.289

Carolina Fonseca Jimenez: Okay, Thank you, Omega and Brenda Wilson.

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01:13:56.380 --> 01:13:59.790

Omega & Brenda Wilson weranc.org: We we share this information before we just like to reiterate.

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01:13:59.830 --> 01:14:04.360

Omega & Brenda Wilson weranc.org: we're working with Hhs in the Goner's office.

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Omega & Brenda Wilson weranc.org: based on our inclusion of an Environmental Justice section

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01:14:08.030 --> 01:14:10.460

Omega & Brenda Wilson weranc.org: and Avenues county health assessment.

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01:14:10.610 --> 01:14:15.499

Omega & Brenda Wilson weranc.org: It's been determined. It is the only one or the first one to be done in the State.

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01:14:16.090 --> 01:14:22.950

Omega & Brenda Wilson weranc.org: and we encourage that every county, all 100 counties, include environmental justice

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Omega & Brenda Wilson weranc.org: in this health assessment to identify

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Omega & Brenda Wilson weranc.org: or health disparities are

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Omega & Brenda Wilson weranc.org: apparent

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01:14:29.580 --> 01:14:33.629

Omega & Brenda Wilson weranc.org: based on illnesses, asthma, diabetes.

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01:14:33.710 --> 01:14:39.200

Omega & Brenda Wilson weranc.org: and actually map those communities which we're working here in ourlands Canada do

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01:14:39.360 --> 01:14:42.700

Omega & Brenda Wilson weranc.org: That's the reaffirmation of the work we are already doing.

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01:14:42.760 --> 01:14:47.520

Omega & Brenda Wilson weranc.org: and we just think everybody needs to know about that, so they can push their counties

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01:14:47.680 --> 01:14:50.120

Omega & Brenda Wilson weranc.org: to do a similar thing. Thank you.

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01:14:51.720 --> 01:14:53.819

Carolina Fonseca Jimenez: Thank you, Omega. We appreciate that.

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01:14:53.930 --> 01:14:58.030

Carolina Fonseca Jimenez: We'll move on to Crystal Taylor, followed by K. Rebold

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01:14:58.160 --> 01:14:59.200

Carolina Fonseca Jimenez: Crystal.

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01:15:08.620 --> 01:15:10.459

SEM iPhone: What was Crystal's last name?

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01:15:14.970 --> 01:15:19.460

SEM iPhone: I don't see a crystal Taylor. I do see a crystal cavalier with 7 directions.

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01:15:19.670 --> 01:15:27.139

Carolina Fonseca Jimenez: Crystal Cavalier was the first one out, so if she's here she's welcome to She's welcome to to her 2 min

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01:15:27.200 --> 01:15:30.129

Carolina Fonseca Jimenez: here. Feel free to unmute.

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01:15:30.200 --> 01:15:38.799

Crystal Cavalier 7 Directions of Service: Yeah, thank you so much. I'm sorry I was having a computer problems. I just like to reiterate what Omega and and Brenda Wilson said that.

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01:15:39.300 --> 01:15:43.889

Crystal Cavalier 7 Directions of Service: we just don't need like a cooker, a cookie cutter approach when the governors

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01:15:43.930 --> 01:15:47.569

Crystal Cavalier 7 Directions of Service: create any State agencies, environmental justice

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01:15:47.680 --> 01:15:49.570

Crystal Cavalier 7 Directions of Service: like committees or

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01:15:51.220 --> 01:15:53.320

Crystal Cavalier 7 Directions of Service: I can't think of the word. But

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01:15:53.700 --> 01:16:00.459

Crystal Cavalier 7 Directions of Service: you know, and just make sure that you're including all of the community, just not like the

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01:16:00.550 --> 01:16:16.120

Crystal Cavalier 7 Directions of Service: commission of Indian Affairs. But you're actually including tribal community residents that live in these affected Ej. Areas as well as grassroots leaders in these comments, or

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01:16:16.130 --> 01:16:27.740

Crystal Cavalier 7 Directions of Service: being at the table, because not all times. The trouble communities are representative of what the people in the community are experiencing, and and that's just all of what I have to say. Thank you so much.

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01:16:29.360 --> 01:16:37.109

Carolina Fonseca Jimenez: Thank you, Crystal. We appreciate your comments tonight. we'll move on to K. Rebel, please. Followed by Jon at Johnson.

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01:16:37.240 --> 01:16:40.389

Kay Reibold, She/Her: Okay, you're up. Okay, Can you hear me?

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01:16:40.620 --> 01:16:44.380

Kay Reibold, She/Her: Yes, go ahead. Thank you. My name's K. Reibold

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Kay Reibold, She/Her: and I'm. A member of the Alliance to protect the people and places we live otherwise known as Apple. I'm here today to express my deep concern that many environmental justice communities

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Kay Reibold, She/Her: suffer from multiple sources of pollution in their areas.

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01:17:00.530 --> 01:17:07.599

Kay Reibold, She/Her: Key related impact must be considered in permitting decisions from Deq and other agencies

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01:17:07.760 --> 01:17:14.210

Kay Reibold, She/Her: in the past few years. At hearings and public meetings we've heard countless voices of citizens

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01:17:14.280 --> 01:17:23.059

Kay Reibold, She/Her: crying out with suffering because of core air and water quality from Hogways lagoons, the burning of chicken waste

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Kay Reibold, She/Her: for the toxic fumes from wood pellet operations.

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Kay Reibold, She/Her: These dirty industries are often located in close

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01:17:30.370 --> 01:17:32.380

Kay Reibold, She/Her: proximity to one another.

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01:17:32.650 --> 01:17:38.679

Kay Reibold, She/Her: intensifying the conditions that cause poor health and illness for people in the community.

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01:17:38.990 --> 01:17:42.509

Kay Reibold, She/Her: A new executive order must take into consideration

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Kay Reibold, She/Her: cumulative impact and take steps to ensure that cabinet agencies

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01:17:47.680 --> 01:17:56.090

Kay Reibold, She/Her: and other regulatory body stop rewarding dirty industries and their permitting actions that are causing harm to the climate.

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01:17:56.290 --> 01:17:57.540

Kay Reibold, She/Her: The environment

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01:17:57.570 --> 01:18:00.200

Kay Reibold, She/Her: human beings and the live community.

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01:18:00.680 --> 01:18:02.010

Thanks very much.

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01:18:03.460 --> 01:18:05.519

Carolina Fonseca Jimenez: Thank you very much for your comments.

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01:18:05.560 --> 01:18:11.809

Carolina Fonseca Jimenez: I. We'll move on to Jon at Johnson, followed by Laura Combs Donnett, you can unmute.

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01:18:18.030 --> 01:18:20.020

Carolina Fonseca Jimenez: and I don't see John it on my end.

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01:18:20.250 --> 01:18:20.980

SEM iPhone: Yeah.

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01:18:21.010 --> 01:18:22.070  
SEM iPhone: I think that's right.

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01:18:22.210 --> 01:18:25.020  
Carolina Fonseca Jimenez: Alright, No worries. Laura cones

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01:18:31.390 --> 01:18:33.790  
SEM iPhone: again. I'm not seeing Miss Coles.

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Okay.

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Carolina Fonseca Jimenez: Charles Warren, followed by Fu Shia Fuchs. Excuse me and Hoover. So, Charles. Yes, my name is Charles Warren. I live in Brunswick County.

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Charles Warren: and I have a.

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Charles Warren: I do work with the black residents across Brunswick County for several years to address inequities

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Charles Warren: access to water infrastructure for black residents and unincorporated areas

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Charles Warren: an issue that would only get worse, due to the effects of climate change

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Charles Warren: and to rise, and how

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Charles Warren: and flood insurance rates due to increased risk from climate change.

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Charles Warren: The Governor Executive order. 2, 46 takes that to Governor shall direct Federal and State funding to it

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Charles Warren: program that invests in historical, underserved communities

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Charles Warren: increase affordability for low and moderate income. Housing

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Charles Warren: in advance helps inequity.

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Charles Warren: The Executive will also have the importance of water security

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Charles Warren: in clean water for North Carolina residents is critical for climate, reliance and remedy, environmental injustice.

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Charles Warren: Access to safe water. On November 1520, 21.

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Charles Warren: President Biden signed the infrastructure investment in job a

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Charles Warren: until the law which include 25,

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Charles Warren: 55 billion dollars for water in aged

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Charles Warren: this over 5 years

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Charles Warren: North Carolina will receive significant new funding

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Charles Warren: for water infrastructure through the EPA administration of the water related Funding and the Ija for the

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Charles Warren: 2,022 physical year.

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Charles Warren: North Carolina received almost 200 million dollars for water, infrastructure.

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Charles Warren: climate change would further exacerbate water issues for black residents across the State

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Charles Warren: coming years, including increased risk of flooding.

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Charles Warren: They can impact private wells.

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Charles Warren: rest of salt water intrusion into underground aquifers that can both impact water qualities and corroding aging lead pipes, increasing health risks and increasing risk of drought that can impact water systems.

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Charles Warren: I request that the new Federal funding goes.

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Charles Warren: It was addressed in racial inequity and water infrastructure access, and both mandriganic

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Charles Warren: and across the state

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Charles Warren: many black residents of under cooperative areas of Brunswick kind of include the areas

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Carolina Fonseca Jimenez: I I do need to interrupt you, but I do have to keep time for 2 min per person. I do want to remind you, though, that we are going to be taking written comments at a later date, so we'll offer instructions for that. but i'll i'll have to move on to the next person. Thank you very much, sir.

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Carolina Fonseca Jimenez: Yusha and Hoover, please.

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Dr. Fushcia Hoover: Thank you. hi! My name is Fu Shan Hoover and I'm a professor at Unc Charlotte, where I teach environmental planning and research, storm, water, urban storm water, flooding and green infrastructure

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Dr. Fushcia Hoover: and their impact on environmental justice.

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Dr. Fushcia Hoover: And so, you know, living in Charlotte, I see and and have seen a lot of the changes across neighborhoods like tree loss general disinterest, and in protecting the environment from the perspective of the city and and a lot of the planning organizations.

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Dr. Fushcia Hoover: as well as displacement of residents from communities of color due to the rampant development that's been going on.

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Dr. Fushcia Hoover: And so, you know, through my experiences and research. I'm. I'm. Really seeing and and aware of both the harm that results from the ambiguity. And you know whether that be under for undefined terms, undefined expectations or guidelines at the planning level

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Dr. Fushcia Hoover: and and really want to emphasize the the fact that naming and and language are really powerful tools. And so if the State is sincere about it's it's ej executive order, then, being explicit, about which communities are are being targeted for those funds for the the programming. What are the the metrics that are being used for assessment and funding? Those are really critical? and lastly, I just want to say that

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Dr. Fushcia Hoover: you know you can't just have Ej. Related goals or priorities in an order or a planning document

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Dr. Fushcia Hoover: without having comprehensive metrics that align with those priorities, and you really have to involve the people in the actual decision making processes right? Folks like Miss Flores. It's joiner, Mr. Wilson, all of us. We know what our communities need, and we know it. Solutions we want to see period.

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Dr. Fushcia Hoover: And so if if we are not involved in these processes, then then why bother so so that's my comment. And

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Dr. Fushcia Hoover: wow, you all the rest of my time. Thank you.

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Carolina Fonseca Jimenez: Thank you, Dr. Hoover. We appreciate your comments this evening. We'll move on to Nancy Carter, followed by Sherry White, Williamson, Nancy.

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Carolina Fonseca Jimenez: I don't believe I see Nancy, so we'll move on to Sherry White Williamson.

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Sherry White-Williamson: I do see sherry, so maybe she's just having trouble on muting. We'll give her a moment.

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Sherry White-Williamson: Yes, I can. Thank you. Thank you for the opportunity to speak this evening. I'm. Concerned that the majority of proposals and current executive orders will do nothing to improve the quality of life in rural environmental injustice communities.

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Sherry White-Williamson: The recent series on poultry. Regulation is simply one example of the lacks regulation oversight and failure to act

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Sherry White-Williamson: unless and until action is taken to address the parts of the state that suffer the greatest injustices and the least regulation and represent representation. The State will never be in a pot position to affect environmental justice in these communities, clean energy, clean transportation, and addressing climate change.

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Sherry White-Williamson: Our non-starters. When the proposed solutions to address these issues further exacerbate conditions and already impacted communities

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Sherry White-Williamson: the administration needs to rethink how they address our concerns, to assure that rural communities receive the same benefits as urban and suburban communities.

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Sherry White-Williamson: and living in and working in a role community. it is very difficult for many of our community members to be able to participate in forms like this, so I hope that future meetings will be planned well in advance will be better or advertised, and this meeting has been so that it can guarantee

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Sherri White-Williamson: that the folks who have the lived experience, have the opportunity to speak. Thank you.

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Carolina Fonseca Jimenez: Thank you very much for your comments. We'll move on to Barbara, facing, followed by Sara Packer. Barbara

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Carolina Fonseca Jimenez: and I don't see Barbara on my screen, so we'll move on to Sarah Parker.

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Carolina Fonseca Jimenez: I don't believe I see Sara either. But, team you stop me if i'm, you know, if i'm missing someone. But I don't see her online either.

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Carolina Fonseca Jimenez: Tina Catsonas, followed by Macy Hinson.

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Carolina Fonseca Jimenez: Tina.

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Tina Katsanos: Hi! How are you? My name is Tina Cassine I'm. The Chair of the Environmental Justice Committees for the Charlotte Ecklenburg Andacp, and for the North Carolina and Wa Cp. I also teach environmental justice at Unc Charlotte. I would like to

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Tina Katsanos: address the environmental justice issues surrounding the confined animal feeding operations in North Carolina. In particular, I will speak to the explosion of paltry cafos.

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Tina Katsanos: due to the lack of regulation and operating transparency at the State level. Our rural and bypass communities are suffering the biggest impacts impacts that include the noxious odors and noises, but also include serious health impacts.

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Tina Katsanos: These industrialized farms are impacting the health of nearby residents with the pollution they emit to the air, land and water.

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Tina Katsanos: For instance, people living within a few miles of poultry. Ca: Those are 66% more likely to develop pneumonia. The risk of developing infectious diseases is also higher.

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Tina Katsanos: In addition, unregulated poultry waste disposal

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Tina Katsanos: further contaminates the soil and contain and contaminates our water sources. Many people in rural areas depend on well water and can't afford adequate water filtration systems.

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Tina Katsanos: I am asking the North Carolina Dq. To work with the North Carolina General assembly to create an enact regulation around this industry to date. The regulation is virtually non-existent

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Tina Katsanos: i'm also asking the North Carolina Dq. To develop a public messaging campaign around these issues, so that citizens are aware of the problems when properly informed, citizens can help. 150.

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Tina Katsanos: Okay.

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Tina Katsanos: properly informed citizens can help the North Korean, North Carolina, Dq. Applied the necessary pressure on the State Legislature to implement the necessary regulation to ensure the safety of our residents. Thank you.

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Carolina Fonseca Jimenez: Thank you very much for your comments.

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Carolina Fonseca Jimenez: Moving on to Macy Hinson, followed by Bailey Hill.

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Carolina Fonseca Jimenez: Hey, Macy?

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SEM iPhone: And this is Sarah. Before Macy offers her comments. I just wanted to let folks know that. we seem to have been able to resolve

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SEM iPhone: the issue with the Spanish language polling. So if you check the chat ment meter went down for the Spanish language polling. But you should be able to answer the same questions using a Google form that we've created. So please feel free to click that link as folks are continuing to share their comments.

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SEM iPhone: Thanks.

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Carolina Fonseca Jimenez: It sounds good. Thank you for that update.

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Carolina Fonseca Jimenez: So Macy Hinson

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Carolina Fonseca Jimenez: and I don't see Macy, so so we'll move on to the next person, Bailey Hill.

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Bailey Hill (She/Her): Hi! Everyone! Can you hear me?

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Bailey Hill (She/Her): Yes, Billy, go ahead. Thank you. Awesome. Good evening. so i'm here to voice my concern about the methods by which the state of North Carolina evaluates environmental injustice, particularly within communities located adjacent to industrial manufacturing operations.

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Bailey Hill (She/Her): the predominantly black environmental justice Community of West Speed and and Stanley County has for decades been advocating for proper removal of hazardous waste, such as spent pot liner that was buried throughout the town during the operation of Alcoa's aluminum smelting plant in beaten North Carolina

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Bailey Hill (She/Her): in a draft. Environmental Justice Report, released by N. Cde. Queue in October of 2,022. The department concluded that they found no evidence of environmental injustice in the town of Bayen, based on their analysis of the area, using EPA guidelines for evaluation, and Cdeq did not account for the specific demographics of residents in West Speed, and

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Bailey Hill (She/Her): nor the cumulative impact on residents due to Baden's history as a company town and segregated community.

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Bailey Hill (She/Her): This report reveals a systemic issue underlying the way in which regulatory agencies estimate the extent to which environmental hazards impact predominantly low-income communities and or communities of color

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Bailey Hill (She/Her): this department's analysis relied upon the unit. Hazard, coincidence, method which analysts Mohire and Soha note does not account for the precise location of the hazard, and cannot accurately reflect the level of impact on the surrounding community.

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Bailey Hill (She/Her): The use of this method leads to an underestimation of the degree of racial and socioeconomic disparities due to the evaluation of large geographic units, such as zip codes and census tracks as opposed to the evaluation of individual neighborhoods.

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Bailey Hill (She/Her): This report.

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Bailey Hill (She/Her): released by N. Cdeq. In October, calls attention to the need for a more accurate spatial evaluation that takes into account Factors, like the community's own identification of environmental concerns, the concentration of historic and ongoing pollution from all cohes, hazardous waste sites.

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Bailey Hill (She/Her): and the ecological context in which these concentrations are found

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Bailey Hill (She/Her): based on the definition of environmental justice, provided by the EPA public testimony from residents of direct exposure to toxic chemicals

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Bailey Hill (She/Her): and documented evidence of hazardous waste. It is apparent that environmental justice has not been achieved in West Bayden. Therefore I urge the State to reconsider its methods of evaluation and identifying environmental justice communities of concern. Thank you.

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Carolina Fonseca Jimenez: Thank you for your comments, Bailey. We'll move on to Rona Masre, and and please excuse me. I apologize ahead of time if i'm mispronouncing anyone's name. Ronia.

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Rania Masri (NCEJN): Yes, thank you. My name. Is I am the co-director of the North Carolina Environmental Justice network.

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Rania Masri (NCEJN): and there are so many issues and things to talk about. But I find one to be fundamental. If we are going to give

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Rania Masri (NCEJN): environmental justice it's due. We have to be looking at cumulative impact. And here the State agencies fail in 2 ways, one they do not look at cumulative impact when they give permits. And 2. There are numerous polluting agencies that are not even. They're not even requested to ask for a permit.

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Rania Masri (NCEJN): So let me give you a concrete example. You look at Samson County, Samson County has the largest landfill in North Carolina, taking up more than 1,400 acres.

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Rania Masri (NCEJN): It also faces the direct and indirect, harmful impacts of the in Viva wood pellet. It is number one in Turkey production number 2 in swine production, and it also has an unknown number of poultry farms, and I see unknown number, because poultry farms in North Carolina do not require a permit, even though they are dramatically harmful. So, then, on what basis could these different facilities and polluting industries in Samson County be allowed to

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Rania Masri (NCEJN): to continue without looking at cumulative impact. So again, we need to have cumulative impact permits need to be looking at cumulative impact. We need to be having permits required for polluting issues, for example, the swine industry there's no permit required for air quality monitoring.

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Rania Masri (NCEJN): They don't monitor air quality for the swine industry. There's no permit required for pesticide usage, and there is no permit required again for the 4,600 poultry farms in North Carolina, and all the damage that they cause. So if the Governor and the State Agency want to give more than lip service to environmental justice, they have to look at cumulative impact completely, otherwise they would be committing criminal negligence against the communities of North Carolina.

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Carolina Fonseca Jimenez: Thank you, Danny, for your comments.

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Carolina Fonseca Jimenez: we'll move on to Wendy Missioner, followed by Gerald Dells. Wendy.

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Wendy Michener - Chapel Hill NC: Hello, Thank you.

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Wendy Michener - Chapel Hill NC: I want to address

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Wendy Michener - Chapel Hill NC: the

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Wendy Michener - Chapel Hill NC: Equity

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Wendy Michener - Chapel Hill NC: Staffing. If I heard correctly

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Wendy Michener - Chapel Hill NC: that each department is receiving exactly one person

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Wendy Michener - Chapel Hill NC: to do this job.

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Wendy Michener - Chapel Hill NC: which is grossly understaffing

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Wendy Michener - Chapel Hill NC: Ted.

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Wendy Michener - Chapel Hill NC: I want to say that it seems to me that there needs to be at least 5 people

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Wendy Michener - Chapel Hill NC: in each department.

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Wendy Michener - Chapel Hill NC: and that's excluding secretaries and clerks and other support personnel.

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Wendy Michener - Chapel Hill NC: It's 5 people who are doing the work directly, and are working together.

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Wendy Michener - Chapel Hill NC: and that if they say they are under staff, but they should be increased that they should be believed and increased.

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Wendy Michener - Chapel Hill NC: And

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Wendy Michener - Chapel Hill NC: similar to this.

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Wendy Michener - Chapel Hill NC: there is a long standing habit of saying, okay, we're going to monitor some something, and then saying to the people who are already doing the work.

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Wendy Michener - Chapel Hill NC: who already have jobs

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Wendy Michener - Chapel Hill NC: that they are now going to do their own documentation.

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Wendy Michener - Chapel Hill NC: that they are going to increase their workload by

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Wendy Michener - Chapel Hill NC: whatever documentation that is necessary for the purpose.

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Wendy Michener - Chapel Hill NC: and as a consequence.

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Wendy Michener - Chapel Hill NC: They can't do their jobs because they're doing documentation of their job.

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Wendy Michener - Chapel Hill NC: and that whatever system gets in created should not burden the people who are already

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Wendy Michener - Chapel Hill NC: working very hard at whatever it is that they're doing.

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Wendy Michener - Chapel Hill NC: Those are the 2 things for that part.

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Wendy Michener - Chapel Hill NC: Now, as far as the language the department of other languages.

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Wendy Michener - Chapel Hill NC: that it should be free standing, and that it should receive every out facing piece of communication that any department anywhere creates in North Carolina.

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Wendy Michener - Chapel Hill NC: and then it should be fully funded to be able to turn around within like 2 weeks, any

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Wendy Michener - Chapel Hill NC: any piece that is delivered to them from any other department.

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Wendy Michener - Chapel Hill NC: so that this thing that happened here, where you're all supposed to have Spanish language, you know available, and it wasn't there

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Wendy Michener - Chapel Hill NC: that it wouldn't be your responsibility; that that this department of other languages would have already

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Wendy Michener - Chapel Hill NC: moved in knowing what to do and have done it for you.

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Carolina Fonseca Jimenez: Thank you for your comments, Wendy. We'll move on to the next individual, Gerald Delt, followed by Charles Warren. Gerald.

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Gerald Delts: Good evening. Good evening. My name is Joe Dell, so retired military, and I have 2 issues that I like to address with the the board this evening. The first one is dealing with the water problem in the Brums account is Charles Warren Mason early a lot of those people individuals that live out there.

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Gerald Delts: have been using lead pipes and and and becoming a problem for the people out there, so we need to get some water through there, and I've worked with the talk to the county.

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Gerald Delts: and i'm. I'm slowly moving up the chain. I've been deal with this issue for about 10 years, so i'm about to elevate it high, low, higher, and my next step is going to be well poly of at the the Civil Rights on a State level.

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Gerald Delts: And the second issue I like to talk to you about is the highway transportation. We live on a major evacuation route that goes all the way to from the State of the port city of Southport, all the way up to Brunswick County.

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Gerald Delts: It's a major evacuation route. It floods, and people cannot get out of there if you have to go 74 miles around. If you lived in this community to get out of there to get into the city a woman to get to that vacation route. I mean to get out of the line of disaster if they have to. So I've been talking to

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Gerald Delts: the North Carolina Department of Transportation Division 3, and there's no transparency there, and I've got documentation where I've said to them, and I've sent them letters and not to ride and make it a legal document.

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Gerald Delts: And they haven't gotten any very much transparency. They'll come out and say they're doing hydrologic surveys and GIS surveys, but nothing is being done about it. So I think that the North Carolina Department of transportation and this board needs to really need to

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Gerald Delts: maybe light a fire on them to get them to do a better job, and, like they said, the money is allocated all around the roles of being that those roles are being paid. But this major evacuation route is not being paid, and the road is crumbling in front of residents. And if the so one comes through a big truck or something, it's going to hit someone's windshield and break their window, and you can.

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Gerald Delts: and it's about about 8 miles or so of road there that I've traveled, and I've traveled all around and seen it where it have a hijack and lines that run to these other communities. But out here you can't get any of those lines and stuff out here, so I'm about to like Sam, but I want to elevate it. I am going elevated because I deal with them

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Gerald Delts: overall for 13 years, and I like to say thank you for giving me the time to bring that to your concerns. Thank you.

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Carolina Fonseca Jimenez: Thank you, Charles. We appreciate your comments. We'll move on to Charles Warren, followed by loose Maria Khalid on. So, Charles.

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Charles Warren: so i'm getting a second start at it. I was there early. I spoke earlier, so

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Charles Warren: I would finish

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Carolina Fonseca Jimenez: Well, me it somehow. You got signed up twice on my list. Well, maybe I need to go twice.

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Carolina Fonseca Jimenez: I I leave that up to the team. but

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01:39:27.800 --> 01:39:39.509

Carolina Fonseca Jimenez: If you've already gone i'll move on to the next person, so that way we can make sure we get everybody in if that's all right, Charles. Thank you. Appreciate your honesty with that Lewis Maria

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01:39:48.140 --> 01:39:54.150

Luz Calderon: Lang.

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01:39:54.650 --> 01:39:58.420

Luz Calderon: i'm in Cantaria, K. And really that is the

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01:40:02.970 --> 01:40:09.440

Luz Calderon: lang

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01:40:13.390 --> 01:40:20.860

Luz Calderon: lang.

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01:40:24.990 --> 01:40:26.649

Luz Calderon: Yeah, I mean, I will start yeah

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01:40:26.910 --> 01:40:29.990

Luz Calderon: lang

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01:40:30.130 --> 01:40:35.139

Luz Calderon: lang

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01:40:35.240 --> 01:40:44.450

Luz Calderon: lang

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01:40:51.610 --> 01:40:57.090

Luz Calderon: lang.

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01:41:01.290 --> 01:41:02.170

Luz Calderon: but

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01:41:03.020 --> 01:41:04.280

Luz Calderon: at all, those

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01:41:33.240 --> 01:41:44.950

Carolina Fonseca Jimenez: very excellent

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01:41:50.130 --> 01:41:56.900

iPhone de Katy: lang

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01:41:56.940 --> 01:42:01.929

iPhone de Katy: lang

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01:42:02.100 --> 01:42:15.860

iPhone de Katy: lang

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01:42:25.490 --> 01:42:33.730

iPhone de Katy: lang

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01:42:34.070 --> 01:42:38.450

iPhone de Katy: lang

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01:42:53.260 --> 01:43:03.380

iPhone de Katy: lang

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01:43:12.280 --> 01:43:19.070

iPhone de Katy: lang

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01:43:19.200 --> 01:43:30.050

iPhone de Katy: lang

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01:43:30.270 --> 01:43:42.019

iPhone de Katy: lang

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01:43:42.130 --> 01:43:44.040

iPhone de Katy: this

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01:43:44.080 --> 01:44:00.440

iPhone de Katy: lang

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01:44:00.450 --> 01:44:12.860

iPhone de Katy: lang

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01:44:15.830 --> 01:44:35.569

Carolina Fonseca Jimenez: team. I also want to jump in real quick. I was thinking it was my computer that was fidgeting, but it looks like we've got 2 interpreters interpreting on the English lines, so maybe a little bit confusing. I think we were able to capture that comment. But I do want to make you aware that I believe 2 interpreters are interpreting at the same time.

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01:44:36.470 --> 01:44:52.979

Carolina Fonseca Jimenez: so we'll move on to our next individual. Catalina did go over a little bit, but we allowed a little bit of additional time to make sure that the interpreters were able to fulfill her comments. So we'll move on to

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01:44:58.860 --> 01:45:02.480

Irma juarez: lang

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01:45:02.800 --> 01:45:06.929

Irma juarez: lang

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01:45:12.380 --> 01:45:16.360

Irma juarez: lang

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01:45:16.430 --> 01:45:21.160

Irma juarez: lang.

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01:45:30.540 --> 01:45:32.839

Irma juarez: but I can line for my zoom.

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01:45:33.020 --> 01:45:34.950

Irma juarez: So the plan is that

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01:45:35.650 --> 01:45:40.510

Irma juarez: lang

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01:45:48.190 --> 01:45:55.580

Irma juarez: they they they, they, they, they, they, they, they, they they they

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01:45:55.670 --> 01:46:00.130

Irma juarez: in gas meat.

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01:46:12.910 --> 01:46:17.109

Irma juarez: no

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01:46:22.410 --> 01:46:30.519

Irma juarez: lang

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01:46:31.160 --> 01:46:38.960

Irma juarez: lang.

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01:46:49.190 --> 01:46:51.339

Irma juarez: and we got the

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01:46:52.210 --> 01:46:57.750

Irma juarez: lang

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01:46:58.110 --> 01:47:09.269

Irma juarez: lang

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01:47:09.440 --> 01:47:12.309

Irma juarez: lang.

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01:47:12.750 --> 01:47:15.609

Irma juarez: which is.

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01:47:20.120 --> 01:47:29.540

Carolina Fonseca Jimenez: Thank you for your comments, you ma'am, which other guys is for to comment that you we'll move on to Anna Florida. So you all followed by Charles Jones, Anna, whenever you're ready.

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01:47:29.760 --> 01:47:41.120

Ana Flores-Dolbow: TFNC: Thank you. I just want to reiterate what Will said, and I want to urge Governor Cooper to issue an executive order that would demonstrate. He wants to advance environmental justice.

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01:47:41.200 --> 01:47:57.929

Ana Flores-Dolbow: TFNC: The Governor has stated, he acknowledges disproportionate impacts, essentially acknowledging. There is environmental injustice. I highly doubt our legislators would acknowledge that historically communities of color and low income suffer the most from contamination and polluting industries.

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01:47:57.940 --> 01:48:10.100

Ana Flores-Dolbow: TFNC: Time and time again State agencies have shown they do the minimum to meet the standards. For example, the Department of Agriculture, who has shown they care more about companies and integrators that mistreat foreign workers

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01:48:10.360 --> 01:48:28.980

Ana Flores-Dolbow: TFNC: toxic frequency advocated for the Department of Ag to create a way for farm workers to file a pesticide incident report, and they have made it nearly impossible to find the reporting mechanism in Spanish, which is a deterrent for most farm workers to report pesticide exposure and violations that threaten their their health.

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01:48:29.190 --> 01:48:38.200

Ana Flores-Dolbow: TFNC: They have allowed violators of human rights like Brent Jackson, to continue their mistreatment of humans, and their only punishment has been a a slap on the wrist.

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01:48:38.240 --> 01:49:06.810

Ana Flores-Dolbow: TFNC: It is clear that rather than going individually to a long list of agency leaders. The best course of action is for the Governor to use his power to ask them to do these things. He can issue a directive that will demonstrate the value of uniformity, accountability, and efficiency. And I remind you that Governor Cooper has stated commitment to Ej. Communities, and has taken an adequate action, and he acknowledges the urgency and the breath of the scope, and he should fulfill his commitment.

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01:49:07.320 --> 01:49:08.150

Ana Flores-Dolbow: TFNC: Thank you.

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01:49:09.770 --> 01:49:16.959

Carolina Fonseca Jimenez: thank you, Anna. We appreciate your comments moving on to Charles Jones, followed by Betty Jones, Charles.

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01:49:17.520 --> 01:49:23.610

Charles Jones: This is Charles Jones and I'm. In agreement with what you guys are trying to do.

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01:49:23.930 --> 01:49:27.229

Charles Jones: Serve the underserved communities.

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01:49:27.740 --> 01:49:31.700

Charles Jones: This community has been well spoken by Gerald Dills

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01:49:31.770 --> 01:49:33.770

Charles Jones: and Charles Warren.

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01:49:34.130 --> 01:49:36.890

Charles Jones: where we have been neglected

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01:49:38.310 --> 01:49:40.560

Charles Jones: over the time with water.

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01:49:40.820 --> 01:49:42.949

Charles Jones: Oh, Internet service.

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01:49:43.110 --> 01:49:49.379

Charles Jones: and any other service that you think that belong to us as taxpayers.

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01:49:49.480 --> 01:49:58.059

Charles Jones: So thank you for what you're trying to do and and that's my comment for right now. And i'm trying to follow you and help support.

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01:49:58.140 --> 01:50:01.900

Charles Jones: Are you trying to do with small communities? Thank you.

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01:50:02.700 --> 01:50:10.259

Carolina Fonseca Jimenez: Thank you for your comment, Charles. We'll move on to Betty Jones, followed by Breton Willis, Betty.

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01:50:19.300 --> 01:50:23.900

Carolina Fonseca Jimenez: I don't believe I see Betty, so we'll move on to Breton Willis.

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01:50:25.260 --> 01:50:39.379

Brayton Willis: Hi! There My name is Breton Wallace and I'm, Secretary of the North Carolina Naacp, Environmental and Climate Justice Committee, and I offer these comments because we believe the protecting our air and water resources

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01:50:39.400 --> 01:50:42.120

Brayton Willis: from pollution is a basic human right

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01:50:42.230 --> 01:50:46.309

Brayton Willis: and a vital necessity for a healthy and productive society.

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Brayton Willis: Governor cooper's executive order. 246

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Brayton Willis: is a significant step in the right direction to transform North Carolina to a clean, equitable economy.

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Brayton Willis: What is needed now is a complimentary legislative actions by our State elected officials. It is their actions that will ultimately ultimately make the difference to achieve fairness and equity for our communities that are the most severely and frequently impacted

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01:51:15.450 --> 01:51:18.919

Brayton Willis: by economic and environmental health disparities.

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01:51:19.290 --> 01:51:31.449

Brayton Willis: Unfortunately, the chemicals that polluters like cameras, and now they have dumped into our primary drinking water source. The Cape Reef, K through river continues to jeopardize that human right

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01:51:31.830 --> 01:51:44.579

Brayton Willis: regrettably. The real tragedy here in our lower Cape. Here river area will be the challenge of high cost of water treatment associated with making our river water Drake drinkable again.

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Brayton Willis: Safe, clean safe, clean water is critical to all of us living downstream of Cam Mars

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Brayton Willis: as well as the numerous wastewater treatment Plants and storm water discharges, and the myriad of poultry and Ho hog farms.

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Brayton Willis: Our citizens, our environment, our scarce natural resources are under relentless siege by those who put profit over protecting the help and well being of all of us who live downstream, especially our most vulnerable and disadvantaged populations.

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01:52:18.730 --> 01:52:31.129

Brayton Willis: It is clear to us that downstream communities of all size or sizes are challenged to provide clean, safe, affordable drinking water to all that live work or visit here.

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01:52:31.330 --> 01:52:44.650

Brayton Willis: We believe that fair treatment means that no group of people should bear a disproportionate share of the negative environmental impacts caused by a callous misuse of our scarce national resources.

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01:52:44.780 --> 01:52:58.569

Brayton Willis: It is impossible to understand why we who live and work downstream of these polluters have to pay excessive and unjustified utility rates for so-called portable water that we currently can't break

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01:52:58.630 --> 01:53:28.479

Carolina Fonseca Jimenez: we downstream. I apologize. I I hate to interrupt you. But you are over the 2 min, and I just want to be respectful of everybody else's time. so, team, that is the end of our public comments, and I know we're right at time, but I do want to remind folks that there will be other opportunities to provide additional comments in a written form, and they'll have more information on that later down the road. So please stay tuned on that, and there will be additional input sessions that i'm sure the team will update you on.

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01:53:28.550 --> 01:53:34.440

Carolina Fonseca Jimenez: But I will go ahead and kick it back to the team. Thank you very much for all of your comments this evening.

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01:53:34.780 --> 01:53:52.489

Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): Thank you, Carolina. I want to say the same thing before I pass it to Jimmy Bellamy for closing thoughts. Thank you, everybody, for being here for providing your important feedback. We look forward to summarizing what we'll share this evening, and to collaborating with all of you on next steps.

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Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): Jimmy

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01:53:56.430 --> 01:54:05.290

Jimmie Bellamy, NC Gov Office: Maria, thanks, Carolina, Thank you to everyone who joined this call. we really do value our input and the feedback that you've given us.

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01:54:05.300 --> 01:54:21.539

Jimmie Bellamy, NC Gov Office: so we're working to report that information. And, like Carolina, set up a later date, we'll be posting a place so you can provide written comments as well, and then just stay tuned. We'll be making some announcements shortly. in terms of the next events. coming

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Jimmie Bellamy, NC Gov Office: in 2023. So thank you all again. And have a good evening. Thank you all.

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01:54:34.320 --> 01:54:36.179

Maria Estrada (She/Her/Ella): Bye, bye, everybody, Thank you.

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01:54:37.830 --> 01:54:39.249

Carolina Fonseca Jimenez: Hi. Everyone thanks.