



Your Fall Report

Protecting our shared air, water and climate

Together, we're defending the places we love

Most Americans want more, not fewer, protections for the people and places we love. After all, we all breathe the same air, drink the same water, and love the same mountains, rivers and forests.

This summer, people across the country joined Environment Washington and our national network to save our environmental protections from rollbacks.

We spoke with more than 1 million people at their doorsteps, and together, we flooded our senators with more than 350,000 petitions, phone calls and emails, urging them to stand up for our environment.

You stood up against rollbacks

After the president announced he would withdraw the United States from the Paris climate agreement, governors, mayors, business leaders and citizens across the country replied, "We're still in." Twelve states and nearly 300 cities have pledged to uphold the Paris agreement—and more are joining every day.

In June, Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt proposed the repeal of the Clean Water Rule, which our members helped us win back in 2015. Environment Washington and our allies gathered more than 800,000 comments and united more than 1,000 farmers, business owners and elected officials to help restore federal protections to half our nation's streams, and we're doing the same to protect them now.

And after the president ordered a review of 27 of our national monuments to determine if they could be stripped of their



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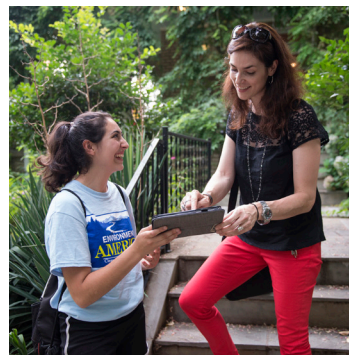
▲ This summer, our members helped Environment Washington and our allies deliver more than 2.7 million public comments to the Department of the Interior to protect our national monuments.

protected status, Environment Washington and our members took action. We joined coalition partners to deliver more than 2.7 million comments calling on the Department of the Interior to save our monuments, from Bears Ears to Giant Sequoia.

Drawing a green line of defense

In May, the U.S. Senate successfully blocked

an attempt to roll back an Obama-era rule that limited methane emissions from oil and gas wells in a close 51-49 vote. It was a good indicator that strong public support for our environment can, in fact, win the day. With your support and action, we're working to build a green line of defense in the Senate, where 51 votes will be enough to keep our environmental protections in place.



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take action

Take action online to urge our senators to stand up for the people and places we love in Washington at:

www.EnvironmentWashington.org

◀ Our national citizen outreach team spoke with more than 1 million people this summer, asking them to take action to defend our environment and our health.



You make the difference

I spoke with a lot of people this past summer who shared my concerns about the threats facing our environment. We're all worried. But together, I'm confident we can hold the line against the worst setbacks in Washington, D.C., and even make progress on tackling climate change, transitioning to clean, renewable energy, protecting our drinking water, and more.

Since our last update, we joined our national network to speak with more than 1 million folks across the country to unite them in defense of our environment. And they took action, helping us deliver more than 350,000 petitions calling on our senators to stand up for our air, water, climate and health.

We couldn't have done it without you. As a member of Environment Washington, you're helping us win real results for our environment, and build a cleaner, greener future for kids growing up today.

Thanks for standing with us,

Anna Aurilio
Federal Legislative Director

Your Impact

Getting the lead out of school drinking water

In February, Environment Washington Research & Policy Center gave our state an 'F' for failing to prevent children's drinking water from becoming laced with lead at school. Two of the state's three largest school districts—Seattle and Tacoma—had found lead in the water at some of the schools in their districts.

In response, Environment Washington launched a campaign calling on state leaders to "get the lead out" of our schools and pre-schools by proactively removing lead-bearing parts from schools' drinking water systems—from service lines to faucets and fixtures—and installing filters certified to remove lead at every tap used for drinking or cooking.

With the support of our members, Environment Washington worked with state lawmakers to secure a directive that schools must take action whenever lead presence in water exceeds 1 part per billion. This measure brings us one step closer to safe drinking water for our kids at school.

You're standing up to save the bees

Millions of bees are dying off, with alarming consequences for our environment and our food supply. That's why, with your support, Environment Washington is going all out to ban the pesticides that are harming bees and other pollinators. After all, it's bees, not pesticides, that make our farms and food possible.

This year, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced it would conduct a risk assessment of four types of neonicotinoids, a widely used class of bee-killing pesticides, and opened a 60-day public comment period. Our members leapt at the opportunity to save our pollinators, and by the end of July, Environment Washington and our coalition partners delivered more than 164,000 comments urging the EPA to declare a moratorium on bee-killing pesticides.

We also held bee-friendly BBQ and picnic events over the summer to highlight the many foods we enjoy that depend on bees for pollination—everything from strawberries and watermelons to the alfalfa grown to feed dairy cows.



Toward a greener future

Environment Washington and Environment Washington Research & Policy Center gratefully accept bequests, beneficiary designations of IRAs and life insurance, and gifts of securities to support our work to build a cleaner, greener, healthier future.

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▲ Our members are making their voices heard at the Environmental Protection Agency by submitting tens of thousands of public comments calling for a moratorium on bee-killing pesticides.

Victory! Solar jobs bill passes in Washington

This summer, members like you helped Environment Washington and our allies win a big victory for clean energy in Washington state when lawmakers passed the Solar Jobs Bill in June.

Together with our members and partners, Environment Washington contacted state legislators, mobilized local business and elected leaders to support solar, and testified in support of the bill—and it paid off. The Solar Jobs Bill extends and updates Washington’s solar incentive program, which offers homeowners and businesses rebates for the energy their solar panels produce.

This program helped build a local solar manufacturing sector and led to more than 13,000 solar installations on homes, commercial buildings and community facilities.

Over the past few years, however, our state has outgrown the original program, and the new Solar Jobs Bill will increase the number of new solar installations, create more local jobs, and produce more clean energy across the state.

“This victory will increase our climate resilience, reduce pollution and improve public health for everyday Washingtonians, and boost our state economy,” said Environment Washington’s Bruce Speight.

100% Renewable

A new report by Environment Washington Research & Policy Center, found that solar power grew at a record-breaking pace in 2016. According to the report, titled “Shining Cities 2017,” the United States now has 42 gigawatts of solar photovoltaic energy capacity, enough to power 8.3 million homes and reduce carbon dioxide emissions by 52.3 million metric tons each year.

In June, Edmonds became the first city in Washington to commit to 100 percent renewable electricity. Environment Washington is working with other cities across

the state to make similar commitments.

We know we can and must repower our lives using 100 percent renewable energy in Washington and across the country.

Untapped solar energy potential

Washington has vast amounts of untapped solar energy potential. To take advantage of that potential, city, state and federal governments should adopt a series of pro-solar policies, such as:

- Leading by example, and meeting 100 percent of government energy needs with renewable sources.
- Expanding access to solar energy through community solar programs.
- Requiring new construction to include solar energy systems.
- Expanding and protecting net metering, tax credits and other incentives for customers to switch to solar.
- Increasing investments in research, development and deployment programs designed to reduce the cost of solar energy.

To achieve the nation’s full solar potential, we need strong public policies at every level of government to promote solar energy adoption and protect the pro-solar policies already in place.



Credit: Staff

▲ Environment Washington Research & Policy Center’s Sarah Lukins releases our new report, “Shining Cities 2017,” highlighting the growth of solar energy in Seattle and across the country.

Voices for
100%
RENEWABLE ENERGY



Rep. Nydia M. Velázquez

House of Representatives | New York

“A shift to 100% renewable energy can revitalize our communities, make us healthier, leave a livable future for our children and grandchildren, all while creating good jobs in the process.”



Jane Kleeb

Founder & President | Bold Alliance

“Rural America is ready for clean energy jobs that protect our land and water while fueling our economy. The power lies in our communities and urging our elected officials to stand with us as we transition to 100% clean energy.”



Rep. Raúl M. Grijalva

House of Representatives | Arizona

“To continue to depend on fossil fuels is to continue to endanger all life on this planet. This is not about politics—it’s about survival.”

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Environment Washington

Our mission

We all want clean air, clean water and open spaces. But it takes independent research and tough-minded advocacy to win concrete results for our environment, especially when powerful interests stand in the way of environmental progress.

That's the idea behind Environment Washington, Inc., a project of Environment America, Inc. We focus on protecting Washington's air, water and open spaces. We speak out and take action at the local, state and national levels to improve the quality of our environment and our lives.

Credit: Staff

Your support is bringing polluters to justice

Over the past 25 years, Environment Washington and our partners have found dozens of cases where companies have dumped illegal amounts of pollution into our air, rivers, bays and harbors.

In April, our sister group, Environment Texas, secured a \$19.95 million penalty against ExxonMobil after filing an environmental "citizen suit" against the oil giant for violating the Clean Air Act on more than 16,000 days at its Baytown, Texas, petrochemical complex. A federal judge found that Exxon had profited to the tune of \$14 million by delaying pollution control measures, and released more than 10 million pounds of illegal emissions into the air, including carcinogens and other toxic air pollutants.

Our lawsuits have resulted in more than \$250 million in court-ordered penalties and pollution reduction actions. And with the Trump administration giving a free pass to polluting industries, we're launching an Environmental Enforcement Initiative to hold polluters accountable. With support from our members, we'll continue taking illegal polluters to task when they break the law.



Support our efforts

**Support efforts to make polluters pay.
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◀ We're working on active lawsuits in five states, including against Casella Waste Systems for contaminating Massachusetts drinking water with arsenic, heavy metals and a suspected carcinogen.