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A view of the Baaj Nwaavjo I'tah Kukveni – Ancestral Footprints of the Grand Canyon National Monument. Earthjustice is working to protect the area from legal challenges to its monument status. *Len Necefer*

Cover: **The Supreme Court Building exterior.** *John Gervasi / Getty Images*

A Letter from the President and Board Chair

The next four years will challenge us.

Over the last several years, we have seen the rule of law erode in the U.S. The Supreme Court has upended the law that we practice at Earthjustice, with the express intent to dismantle modern government as we know it. A second Trump administration threatens to reverse hard-won, historic progress on environmental protections. These reversals would come while the clock runs down in the crucial years left to reverse climate and ecosystem trajectories that are verging toward freefall.

Meanwhile, climate shocks are coming fast and furious. People are losing their homes, their livelihoods, and even their lives to extreme weather. In the U.S., one of the wealthiest countries in the world, people are getting sicker, with rates of cancer and disease rising among young people. Our oceans, our fresh waters and wetlands, and our forests and farmlands urgently need protection and sound, multigenerational stewardship.

There is an enormous amount of work to do, and we know we have a steep climb ahead. But in the coming year, we will start, in many ways, from a higher elevation thanks to all the work you have supported over the last year and over the course of the Never Rest™ campaign.

We have never had greater federal gains to defend than we do now, at the end of the Biden administration.

We have never had greater momentum for clean energy transition.

We have never had greater reach or capacity to represent clients and help our field navigate new threats and shifting courts strategically.

Earthjustice has never been stronger, and a resolute sense of purpose unites us.

You have made the achievements reflected in this report possible, and with your help, we will keep going. Determination and unflagging ambition will be our discipline.

Thank you,



Abigail Dillen
President, Earthjustice



Stuart Clarke
Chair of the Board of Trustees

Stuart Clarke and Abigail Dillen. Erika P. Rodriguez for Earthjustice



OUR PLAN FOR THE SUPREME COURT

Our bedrock environmental laws are under attack from the nation's highest court. The six-justice conservative supermajority of the Supreme Court of the United States is upending decades of precedent to rewrite our environmental laws and weaken protections that only government can provide. On the way, it is emboldening ultra-right-wing lower court judges to do the same.

With your support, Earthjustice has built our capacity to navigate the rapidly shifting legal landscape. We are executing a three-point plan to:

Maximize Success in Increasingly Hostile Courts

Our Supreme Court experts ensure we are shaping our litigation to navigate politicized courts effectively. We keep most cases out of the Supreme Court, and when the Court does take up a case, our experienced practitioners develop arguments that are tailored to persuade a majority of Justices. We always litigate to win, and we are clear-eyed about our odds. In the face of likely losses, we craft practical advocacy strategies to limit the damage of a negative precedent.

Develop the Best Legal Advocacy Across Our Field

In a legal field that is changing dramatically, Earthjustice has become a go-to resource for the public interest environmental bar. We help peer legal organizations and other partners stay up to date on the latest legal developments, court strategies, and rulemaking efforts so that we can all do our best work. Our experts are tracking cases of all kinds that could set important precedents, circulating timely analyses, convening workshops, coordinating amicus "friend of the court" briefings, and providing free legal counsel, including direct representation in cases that come before the Supreme Court. We are very proud of our hard-earned reputation for delivering top-notch briefings and arguments.

Make the Winning Case for Fair Courts

To hold the unelected Justices of the Supreme Court accountable, we have to turn to the court of public opinion. That means helping the media, thought leaders, and the American people understand every Supreme Court case that concerns the environment. We can turn every bad decision into an opportunity for education and engagement — and a catalyst for outrage and political momentum for reform. Media outlets of all kinds seek out our expertise and opinions to help their audiences understand how the Court's decisions impact our health, our climate, and our web of life.

The Supreme Court Building in Washington, D.C. Stefani Reynolds / AFP via Getty Images

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APPOINTMENTS

Rebalancing the Lower Courts

With pressure from Earthjustice and Earthjustice Action, the Senate confirmed 234 of President Biden's picks for lifetime appointments to lower federal courts. Now, Biden appointees constitute more than a quarter of active federal judges.

More than 99%

of federal cases are resolved in the lower courts.

Sounding the Alarm

Earthjustice informs the public about what's at stake in the environmental cases at the highest court. We work with top news organizations to reach the biggest audiences.

Our Supreme Court expertise has been featured by these outlets and many more:

The New York Times

npr

AP

CNN

STRICT
SCRUTINY

The Washington Post

THE HILL

6,022

SUPREME COURT STORIES

In Fiscal Year 2024, Earthjustice was mentioned in 6,022 news stories about the Supreme Court. These mentions consist of our direct quotes as subject matter experts, opinion articles penned by our leadership, and coverage informed by our analysis.

896,000

Our Growing Reach

As Earthjustice shared our expertise on the 2023–2024 SCOTUS term, we reached as many as 896,000 individuals through print, digital, and broadcast news outlets.



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**One shouldn't have to die to make a living, and
one shouldn't have to be exposed to deadly
toxins in the name of energy development.”**

— **John Beard, Jr.**, Port Arthur Community Action Network

Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse, John Beard, Jr. of the Port Arthur Community Action Network, and Rep. Pramila Jayapal, left to right, talk during a tour of fossil fuel and chemical facilities in Port Arthur, Texas. *Chris Jordan-Bloch / Earthjustice*

A photograph showing two workers in safety gear installing solar panels on a residential rooftop. The workers are wearing hard hats and safety harnesses. One worker is in the foreground, and the other is further back. The solar panels are large, dark blue, and arranged in rows. A red ladder is visible on the left side of the roof. The background shows green foliage and a clear sky.

CLIMATE & ENERGY

Workers install solar panels on the rooftop of a low-income household in California. GRID Alternatives, the nonprofit organization providing the installation, has received hundreds of millions of dollars in grant money through the IRA's Solar for All program, which Earthjustice helped to pass and is now working to defend. *Mario Tama / Getty Images*

Wherever our energy future is being decided, Earthjustice is there.

Creating a 100% Clean Power Sector

We are drivers in the shift to clean power that is now well underway, and we are putting that clean power to work to electrify everything we can: cars, trucks, buses, and trains; homes and offices; warehouses and ports; and even heavy industry.

Thanks to your support, we built our bench of experts working in the states to make the winning case for clean energy and its growing cost advantage over fossil fuels. We also grew our team of lawyers focused on federal reforms, including litigating cases before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. In a system that was designed for fossil fuels, our wins are ensuring clean energy can compete and driving changes to connect more clean energy faster to a modernized grid.

Electrifying Our Lives

The essential complement to our clean power work is our Right to Zero campaign to spur cities and states to replace fossil fuel combustion with electric alternatives everywhere we can. Over the past five years, our work to electrify transportation avoided nine billion metric tons of greenhouse

gas emissions through 2030. And transportation is just the beginning — this year, we’ve also secured first-in-kind electrification rules and funding for industrial equipment and buildings. California leads the U.S. in manufacturing, and thanks to Right to Zero and our partners, this massive industrial sector will be switching to zero-emissions ovens, forklifts, boilers, and more.

We’ve also secured victories in California, New York, and Maryland to shift homes to all-electric construction and energy efficient appliances like induction stoves, electric water heaters, and heat pumps.

Stopping Fossil Fuel Infrastructure

Even as the clean energy transition is reshaping our lives, the U.S. is producing and exporting more oil and gas than ever. We have to get to the root problem and wind down fossil fuels extraction and consumption. With your support, we grew our Fossil Fuels team and opened a new office in Houston, Texas. Working with local leaders,

we are winning tough fights to stop massive new projects including oil export terminals and petrochemical complexes.

Accelerating the Global Energy Transition

Beyond the U.S., our expertise has supercharged work by our litigation partners to block fossil fuels expansion and drive clean energy transition.

Together, we are vindicating human rights and constitutional rights to a clean and healthy environment, and we are working to transition power systems away from coal and gas. As a second Trump administration walks away from global climate leadership, Earthjustice will be ramping up our support for partner organizations that are taking on crucial fights abroad.

We cannot afford to lose any more time in the race to address climate change. We will face very strong headwinds over the next four years. But with strategies that are insulated from federal interference, we can keep up clean energy momentum no matter who is sitting in the White House.

Challenging Utilities Alongside Communities

In a conference room somewhere in your state, a small, little-known group is voting on the clean energy transition. They regulate your electricity and gas utilities, including what new infrastructure gets built and how much customers pay. They can approve or reject utility plans, whether those plans double down on gas and coal or embrace renewable energy like solar and wind. They can pressure utilities to transition faster to clean energy. They're called public utility commissions (PUCs) or public service commissions (PSCs).

Crucially, PUCs make these decisions in the context of trial-type proceedings where lawyers can make a big difference. Earthjustice lawyers have been active before PUCs since 2007, participating in proceedings in 26 states and counting. Historically, utility lawyers have dominated these dockets. With your support, we are bringing our expertise to bear on behalf of community groups, consumer advocates, environmental organizations, and others who are working for a better future.



Coal-Free Power in Michigan

Michigan will be coal-free in less than a decade. Since 2012, Earthjustice has represented clients, including local activists and national nonprofits, who are pushing back against major Michigan polluters. One of those polluters is DTE Energy, a utility that operates coal power plants in the state.

In 2023, we reached a settlement with DTE Energy that includes the accelerated retirement of the third-largest coal plant in the country. The settlement also expedites the buildout of solar, wind, and energy storage in Michigan and requires DTE to direct an additional \$70 million in energy efficiency funding toward programs to help income-qualified customers lower their energy bills. This hard-won success was built on years of work in Michigan's Public Service Commission.



Trading Kentucky Coal and Gas for Sunshine and Storage

Last November, we secured a landmark decision from the Kentucky Public Service Commission. The commission approved the buildout of six solar facilities that will produce enough combined energy to power 90,000 homes, the construction of the state's first battery plant for energy storage, and a major expansion of energy efficiency programs for customers. It also denied construction of a proposed gas plant and approved the retirement of three gas plants and two aging coal plants. Earthjustice and the Kentucky Resources Council represented four community groups who intervened in the case. Earthjustice had been laying the groundwork for progress at the Kentucky PSC since 2012.

From left: The now closed DTE Energy River Rouge Power Plant located near Detroit, Michigan. Ted Auch / FracTracker Alliance; A solar panel array. Dennis Schroeder / NREL



Bishop Dwayne D. Royster, former executive director of POWER Interfaith, speaks during an environmental justice and clean energy event at City Hall in Philadelphia. Jess Benjamin

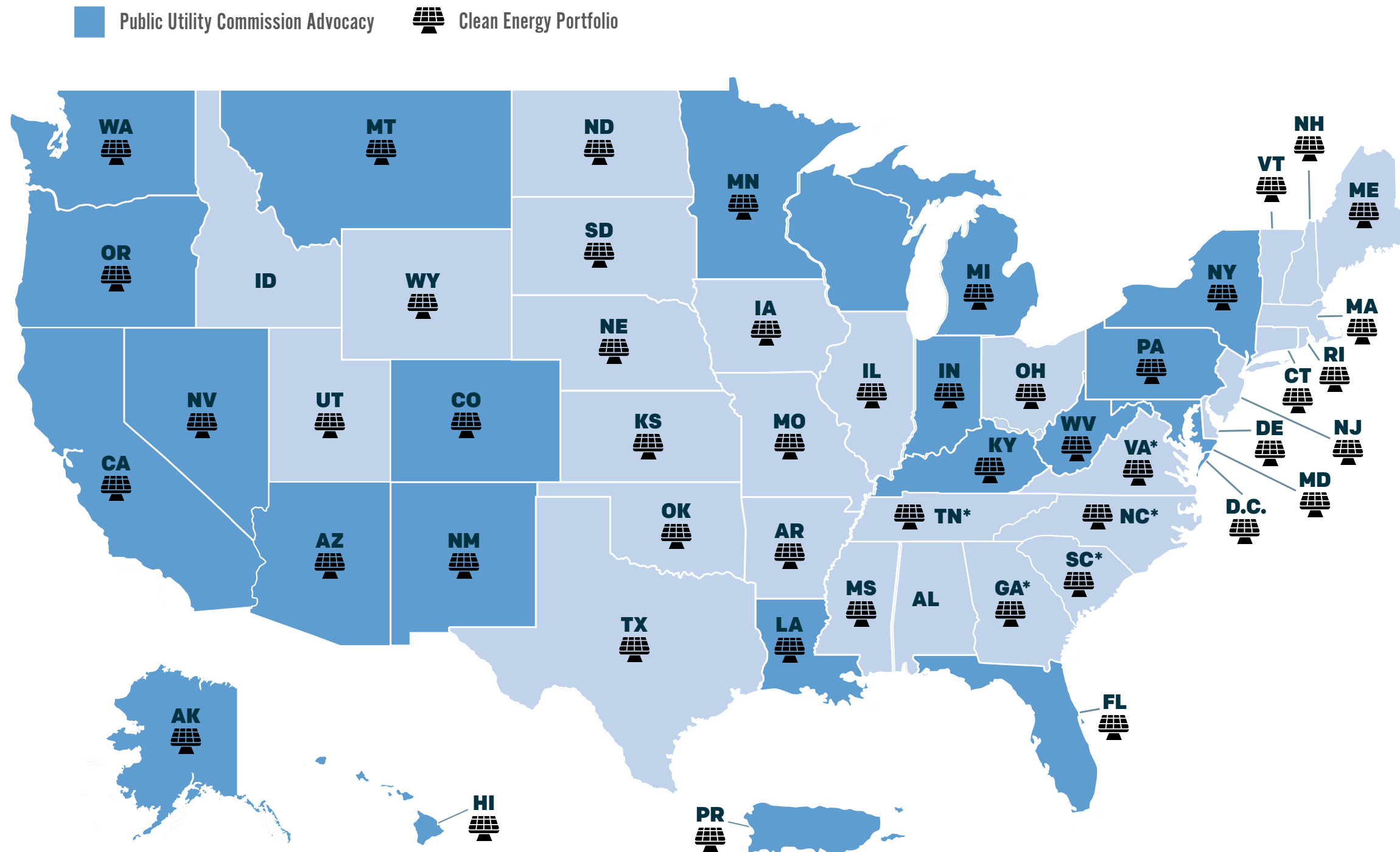
The fossil fuel industry is deeply invested in keeping communities divided by convincing us that we have to choose between protecting our environment, having affordable energy, and growing our local economy. These are false dichotomies, and we are resolute in fighting for the fundamental right of each of our neighbors to a truly clean energy system that does not exploit or throw away people.”

— Bishop Dwayne D. Royster, former executive director of POWER Interfaith

Earthjustice represented POWER Interfaith in a challenge to Philadelphia Gas Works' proposal for an \$85.2 million rate increase for roughly 500,000 ratepayers. The Pennsylvania PUC scaled back the rate increase by 70 percent and eliminated the utility's lobbying expenditures that ratepayers would have subsidized.

Driving Energy Transformation

Earthjustice's clean energy portfolio impacts 48 states, Washington, D.C., and Puerto Rico. This work includes winning at PUCs and much more. We advocate for a modern grid and fair energy markets at the federal and regional levels. We convince states and cities to commit to electrification through our Right to Zero campaign. And, we continue to develop new legal strategies based on state climate laws and constitutions.



Electrifying Everything

Earthjustice's Right to Zero campaign advocates for our right to a zero-emissions economy. To transition to clean energy, we must build a world with appliances, machinery, and vehicles that run entirely on clean electricity instead of fossil fuels. Here are the things that we are electrifying:

TRANSPORTATION

Buses

- School buses
- Transit buses
- Airport shuttle buses
- Coach buses

Cars

- Motorcycles

Trucks

- Light duty
- Heavy duty
- Drayage trucks (USPS fleet)
- Transportation refrigeration units

Trains

Commercial harbor craft

- Ferries
- Tug boats

Small off-road engines

HOMES

Stoves

Water heaters

Furnaces

INDUSTRY

Commercial ovens

Industrial boilers

Industrial dryers

Docks and marine ports

- Yard trucks
- Forklifts and other cargo-handling equipment
- Ocean-going vessels at berth (cruise ships, oil tankers, container ships, and roll-on/roll-off car carriers)
- Railyards (forklifts, switcher engines)

Airports (ground-support equipment)

Warehouses (forklifts, truck bays)



WHAT'S NEXT

Meeting Growing Energy Demands

Electrification will drive enormous growth in the demand for clean electricity. Meanwhile, artificial intelligence and “proof-of-work” cryptocurrency mining are also creating significant new energy demand. More and more often, the response to this increasing demand, or “load growth,” is to start running old fossil power plants more often — even bringing them out of retirement — while also proposing big new gas plants. We are stepping in to compel smart decisions that avoid backsliding in the clean energy transition.

Along with intervening in PUC proceedings, we also use state climate laws and energy targets to challenge permits for facilities like Greenidge Generation, a former coal plant that began burning fracked gas 24/7 to mine Bitcoin in 2020. Our success arguing against Greenidge’s air permits under the New York Climate Law (CLCPA) has set a strong precedent, which we will use to fight proposals for new and expanded gas plants.

From top: The Greenidge Generation cryptocurrency mining facility, whose air permit renewal has been denied after intervention by Earthjustice clients. Lauren Petracca for Earthjustice; Earthjustice policy advocate Elizabeth Moran, photographed at the New York State Capitol in Albany, helped push for a partial moratorium on crypto mining in New York state. Patrick Dodson for Earthjustice



HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

New and Stronger Protections

Earthjustice worked with community leaders around the country to make environmental justice a government-wide priority and to make measurable change on the ground. Under the Biden administration, we celebrated a wave of victories — which will not be easy to undo — in the fight for clean air and water for all. We secured new rules to reduce soot and smog from fossil fuel combustion, mercury and air toxics from coal plants, hazardous air pollution from chemical manufacturers, and diesel pollution from mega-warehouses, among other victories. We also reached milestones in long-standing efforts to reduce lead in drinking water, secure stronger coal plant wastewater treatment standards, and clean up slaughterhouse pollution.

With community leaders across the country, we made measurable change.

Focus on Toxic Chemicals

Exposure to toxic chemicals is taking a devastating toll on our health, from rising cancer rates in young people to increasing infertility and ultimately premature death. And we are not all bearing the chemical burdens equally: the greatest concentrations fall on communities already dealing with poverty and discrimination. Thanks to the Never Rest™ campaign, we built our team of experts and launched our Toxic Exposure & Health program over the last five years.

Enduring Fights Over a Critical Law

The Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) is a key statute in Earthjustice's work to protect people from harmful chemicals. We played an important role in passing amendments to the law in 2016 and have been working ever since to give the law teeth in practice.

When the Trump administration tried to defang new requirements to assess and address chemical risks, we held the line. Under the Biden administration, we were ready to meaningfully reduce toxic exposures for all, and we did. We won first-ever bans on cancer-causing chemicals, regulations for PFAS forever chemicals, and TSCA protections from hazards like 6PPD that sheds from car tires. We will use this momentum to help power through the years ahead.

Linda Robles, founder of Environmental Justice Task Force, in her home in Tucson, Arizona. Earthjustice partnered with Linda in the fight to secure a ban of trichloroethylene, a widely used solvent linked to cancer and Parkinson's disease. In December 2024, we won. *Mamta Popat for Earthjustice*





Clockwise from top: Emissions from the Gavin Power Plant in Cheshire, Ohio. Last year, after a 15-year fight by Earthjustice and our partners, the EPA finalized new wastewater treatment standards for coal-fired power plants like Gavin. Stephanie Keith / Getty Images; Patrice Simms, Earthjustice's vice president of litigation for healthy communities. Chris Jordan-Bloch / Earthjustice; Andrea Vidaurre, co-founder and policy analyst with the People's Collective for Environmental Justice in California's Inland Empire, is one of our closest partners in our Right to Zero work to address freight-related air pollution. Last year Andrea was honored with the prestigious Goldman Environmental Prize for her untiring grassroots leadership on a host of matters from stopping harmful warehouse projects to securing the state's multiple groundbreaking rules for zero-emission trucks. Ulises Del Toro for Earthjustice

CASE IN POINT

The Soot Rule Victory

Soot pollution is all around us — gushing from tailpipes, smokestacks, and power plants. Its microscopic particles enter our bloodstreams through our lungs, causing heart attacks, strokes, and respiratory disease. It is linked to cancer and exacerbates asthma, and it is especially harmful to children and older adults. Soot kills more than 100,000 people in the U.S. every year, and it disproportionately impacts low-income communities and people of color. Earthjustice has spent nearly 30 years working with partners across the country to secure and enforce strong, life-saving standards.

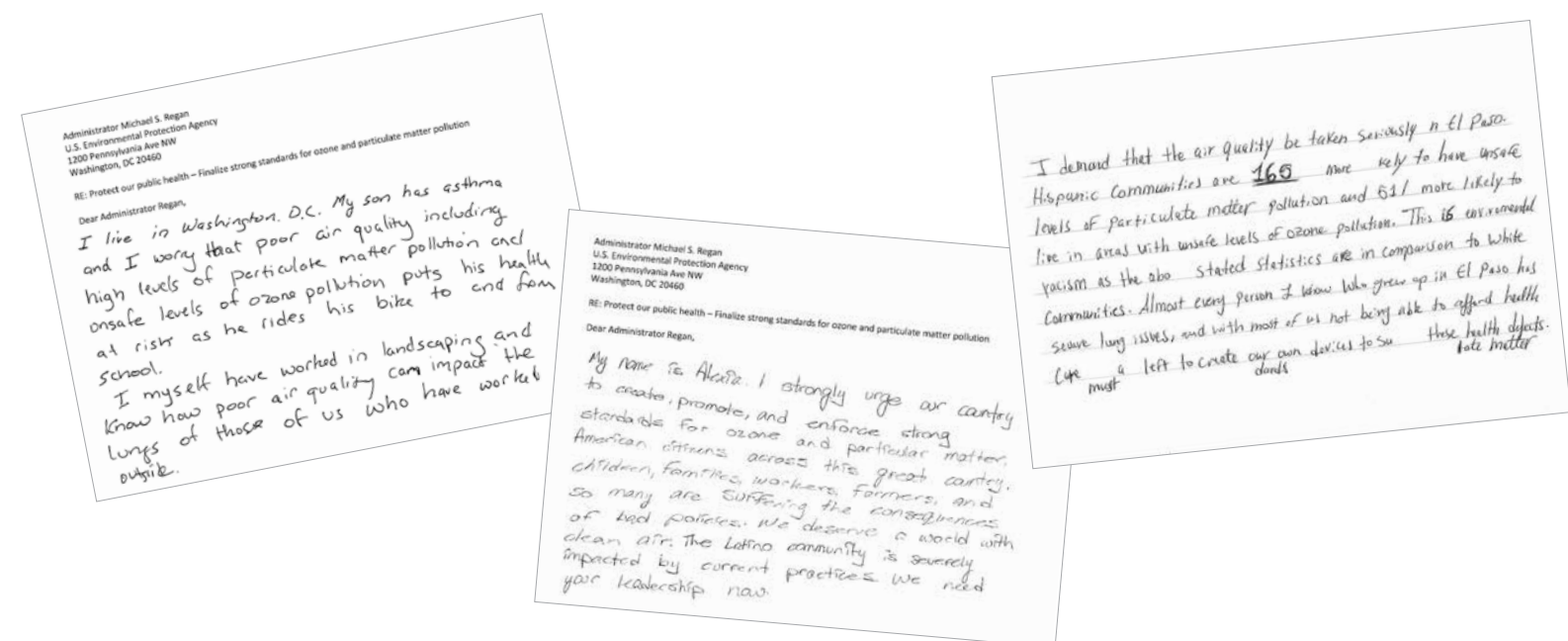
The EPA issued the nation's first-ever soot standards in 1997, and we have been litigating ever since. We have gone up to the Supreme Court and back, filing and winning three separate rounds of cases and appeals, including successful litigation to strike down dangerous rollbacks by the first Trump administration.

Coming into the Biden administration, we helped make soot pollution a top priority, and in 2024, the EPA finalized new, stronger standards and required air quality monitoring

to make them matter in real life. The EPA estimates that the rule will prevent up to 4,500 premature deaths and 800,000 new asthma cases every year. The full benefits are incalculable.

This victory is a case study in tireless litigation and powerful coalition work. Between 2021 and 2023, Earthjustice led a concerted effort to bring together over 60 groups, including environmental justice and state-based organizations alongside national partners, such as the American Lung Association and the Climate Action Campaign. Giving a platform to impacted people around the country — parents, kids, elders, doctors, nurses — our coalition was able to disrupt old patterns on Capitol Hill and overcome industry opposition that has stymied science-based health standards for decades.

We still have more work to do to rein in soot. But we have made a big leap forward, and we are now in court to defend that progress in the face of legal challenges from the American Petroleum Institute and 25 states. We are in this fight for as long as it takes.



Earthjustice presented 600 letters to the then EPA administrator Michael Regan in partnership with environmental justice advocates across the country, including schoolchildren from California and Michigan. These states are home to areas with the highest levels of soot pollution in the U.S.

Rulemaking for Cleaner Air

Earthjustice helped secure 10 air pollution rules in the course of the five-year Never Rest™ campaign. Over 25 years, the rules will help prevent 202,632 premature deaths and 107 million asthma attacks.

The air pollution rules are part of a larger set of dozens of environmental rules that Earthjustice helped advance. Together, they will bring economic benefits of hundreds of billions of dollars by 2055. Fiscal Year 2024 yielded the biggest set of federal rulemaking wins that we have seen in any one administration. We saw decades of work finally come to fruition, thanks to a concerted focus on partnering with leaders in communities that polluting industries have harmed the most. Below are some of our biggest victories for clean air.



Members of the Clean Air Laredo Coalition and the Rio Grande International Study Center rally in front of Midwest Sterilizer facility in Laredo, Texas. The facility ranks among the most polluting facilities in the nation of ethylene oxide emissions. *RGISC*

TOP CLEAN AIR VICTORIES

RULE	TARGET	HEALTH IMPACTS	CLIMATE BENEFITS
Air toxics rule	Chemical and plastic resin plants	Reduces by 96% the number of people with elevated cancer risk in communities near chemical plants that emit ethylene oxide and chloroprene. Imposes first-ever fenceline monitoring requirements for this sector	Reduces over 23k tons of ozone-forming emissions each year , leading to reductions in ground-level ozone, a greenhouse gas (GHG)
Ethylene oxide rule	Commercial sterilizer facilities	Reduces nearly 90% of ethylene oxide emissions for the 14 million people in the U.S. who live within 5 miles of a sterilizer, lowering cancer risk from 6,000-in-1 million to 100-in-1 million	Reduces GHG emissions from the same sources as ethylene oxide emissions
Mercury and air toxics (MATS) rule update	Coal plants	Requires monitoring and reporting and ensures the efficacy of the MATS rule we helped secure in 2012, which has since saved up to 11k lives each year from premature death	Reduces over 650k tons of attendant carbon dioxide over 10 years
Soot (particulate matter) rule	Sources of fossil fuel combustion such as power plants, factories, and vehicles	Saves up to 4.5k lives from premature death and prevents 800k asthma symptom cases every year	Reduces smokestack and tailpipe emissions , which can also result in lower climate-warming emissions
Heavy-duty truck rule	Diesel trucks, buses, tractor-trailers, and similar vehicles	Reduces air pollution for 72 million people in the U.S. who live near major truck freight routes	Prevents 1 billion metric tons of GHGs over 28 years , equivalent to the annual GHG emissions from 233 million gas-powered cars
Locomotives rule	Trains and marine diesel engines	Reduces diesel pollution by 46% for 13 million+ people in the U.S. who live and work near railyards ports, preventing up to 13k premature deaths of people with heart or lung disease	Prevents over 65% of national mobile source diesel particulate matter by 2030
Warehouse indirect source rule	Trucks servicing mega-warehouses in California	Improves air quality for 17 million+ Californians living near warehouses, resulting in up to 300 fewer deaths and 5,800 fewer asthma symptom cases each year	Adds 815 (and counting) zero-emissions trucks to e-commerce fleets in California

After decades of work — including six rounds of successful litigation — Earthjustice won Endangered Species Act protections for the imperiled wolverine. *Steven Gnam*

BIODIVERSITY

Never Rest™ has energized Earthjustice’s work to realize our vision of a world brimming with biodiversity. With your support, we’ve taken on new work — in the Texas Hill Country, in the Upper Midwest, in the Atlantic flyway, in the woods of Maine, and in other refuges for wildlife. We’ve also expanded our oceans advocacy across international borders, working to protect fish and marine mammals in the Caribbean and beyond from overfishing and other serious threats.

We have scaled up to protect more threatened ecosystems than ever before.

Meanwhile, we are more dedicated than ever to the precious species that Earthjustice has always protected. Among many wins, we defended grizzly bears from delisting attempts and trophy hunts, won Endangered Species Act protections for imperiled wolverines, and shielded the Gulf of Mexico’s last remaining Rice’s whales from fossil fuel development.

Through the campaign, we bolstered our 50-year track record of investing in ecosystems and protecting them over time, whatever threats come. At last, we won a 23-year fight for roadless protections in Alaska’s Tongass National Forest. We blocked mines on the

doorstep of Yellowstone National Park. And in Florida, we guarded wetlands from the state’s disastrous takeover of a Clean Water Act permitting program.

Five years ago, we knew we needed to expand our playbook to counter an accelerating biodiversity crisis. We have scaled up to protect more threatened ecosystems than ever before.

FIVE YEARS OF IMPACT

300M acres of oceans, lands, and wetlands defended from logging, drilling, and mining*

Total Ocean	Total Land	Total Wetlands
233,226,879	43,679,801	23,554,486

Protections for biodiversity hotspots, including the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness, Florida wetlands, the Tongass National Forest, Yellowstone National Park, Montana’s Badger-Two Medicine region, and more

601 Leases and Permits Blocked In a five-year period, Earthjustice secured the delay or cancellation of 601 leases and permits that threatened vital ecosystems. These include oil and gas leases on public lands, coal terminal permits, water permits, and more.

Defense of the keystone species that hold entire ecosystems together, including Gulf of Mexico Rice’s whales, grizzly bears, North Atlantic right whales, orcas, red knots, salmon, West Coast sardines, wolverines, wolves, and others

*As many of these fights are ongoing, some of our wins involve defending the same areas repeatedly.



CASE IN POINT

Restoring Salmon — and Protecting People

For decades, a mystery surrounded the life cycle of coho salmon in the Pacific Northwest and Northern California. They were dying in vast numbers — a phenomenon called “urban runoff mortality syndrome” — before they could return to their home streams to spawn. Finally, scientists pinpointed the culprit: rubber tires. Or, more specifically, a chemical called 6PPD, which manufacturers have long used to slow tire degradation.

When 6PPD interacts with ozone and oxygen during normal tire use, it transforms into 6PPD-Q, one of the most toxic chemicals to aquatic species ever evaluated. Exposure to 6PPD-Q can kill coho salmon within hours and is also lethal to other salmon, steelhead trout, and other aquatic life.

Equipped with this science, Earthjustice submitted a petition to the EPA on behalf of the Yurok, Port Gamble S’Klallam, and Puyallup Tribes. “We have suffered years of reduced fishing, now only seeing hours of fishing where there used to be months,” the Puyallup Tribal Council stated at the time of the petition filing. “The discovery that 6PPD is killing the fish in these waters could be exactly what saves salmon for us and all of the country.”

Salmon are essential. They are foundational to the cultures, livelihoods, and health of many West Coast tribes. As keystone species, they hold entire ecosystems together, with hundreds of other species relying on them for food. Tribal, commercial, and recreational fishing jobs also depend on robust salmon stocks. Plummeting salmon populations pose a grave threat — to tribal lifeways, to biodiversity, and to the economy.

To defend the iconic fish and the waterways they call home, we took an innovative approach. Our petition called on the EPA to address the chemical’s risks through the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), a law mostly applied to human health. And it worked.

In November 2023, the EPA granted our petition, agreeing that it must address 6PPD’s risks and acknowledging “the importance of healthy and abundant salmon populations to these Tribes and Tribal treaty rights.” We will continue to work on behalf of the petitioning Tribes to ensure that the EPA fulfills their commitment by establishing rules that ban or limit the use of 6PPD.

From left: Salmon, steelhead trout, and other aquatic life are under threat from the toxic chemical 6PPD-Q. Tavish Campbell; A car crossing a flooded road after heavy rain. Mr. Twister / Getty Images

WHAT'S NEXT

Ready to Face a Shifting Legal Landscape

The legal terrain is changing. A second Trump administration is returning to office. The Supreme Court continues to pursue an anti-environment agenda. Meanwhile, we are working under existential deadlines for the health of our planet. But we have prepared for the challenges ahead.

We are diversifying our toolset.

Localized Solutions

We are mitigating threats to our progress so that when decision-makers put species and ecosystems at risk, we can act quickly to establish new protections through other pathways. Since the Supreme Court has endangered wetlands with its decision in *Sackett v. EPA*, we've secured new protections at the state level in Colorado, and we're working in other states to do the same.

Innovative Litigation

While we defend and enforce bedrock laws, we are diversifying our toolset. For example, we are applying public trust doctrines, long-established state-based common-law principles that require states to protect beloved public resources on behalf of their citizens, in our ongoing efforts to restore habitats and wildlife in Hawai'i and Utah.

Public Engagement

We are also hard at work in the court of public opinion. Biodiversity issues are ripe opportunities to bring expertise to change the narrative on species recovery and stewardship of ecosystems. Through media relations and constituent organizing, we drive public engagement on matters such as grizzly recovery, extractive industry, and land management.

With your support, we will continue to bring these ambitious strategies to bear while we mount the strongest possible defense for the Endangered Species Act and other bedrock laws that protect biodiversity.



Clockwise from top: A view of exposed lake bed in the north arm of the Great Salt Lake near Promontory Point in Utah. Kim Raff for Earthjustice; Earthjustice attorney Stu Gillespie listens during arguments in Utah's Third District Court in Salt Lake City. Spencer Heaps for Earthjustice; American avocets feed in the shallow waters of the Great Salt Lake. Jaxon Drew / Vanishing Oasis

IN THE FIGHT FOR THEIR FUTURE, YOUNG PEOPLE WIN



Clockwise from left: Navahine F. stands in her family's lo'i kalo (taro patch) in Hakipu'u, Hawai'i; Youth plaintiffs Navahine F., Rylee K., and Taliya N., left to right, rally supporters with their Earthjustice attorney Leinā'ala Ley after their court hearing; Plaintiff Ka'ōnohi P.-G. speaks to the press on January 26, 2023; Navahine F. hugs her grandfather at the settlement celebration on June 24, 2024. Elyse Butler for Earthjustice



Navahine's way of life is deeply rooted in her family's lands on the windward side of O'ahu. Here, more than ten generations of her ancestors have farmed kalo (taro). But our warming planet is disrupting that centuries-long connection between people and place.

Shifting weather patterns, drought and torrential rains, and rising seas infiltrating the groundwater table are already reducing the kalo crop yields. Without action, these lands will be underwater within Navahine's lifetime.

She and other young people in Hawai'i decided to take action.



“**Mai kuhihewa (make no mistake) young people have the power to make a difference for their futures.”**

— **Navahine F.**, age 15 when the case began

Navahine F. v. Hawai'i Department of Transportation

MAY 2022 A New Path

Navahine and 12 other young plaintiffs (9–18 years old) step forward as clients of Earthjustice and Our Children's Trust. On their behalf, we bring the world's first youth-led constitutional climate lawsuit focused on transportation. This sector is the largest source of greenhouse gas pollution in Hawai'i and across the U.S.

JANUARY 2023 On the Move

At the first hearing, we argue that the state Department of Transportation's (DOT) business-as-usual planning entrenches fossil fuel dependence and increases climate-harming pollution in violation of its constitutional obligations and state law mandating zero emissions by 2045.

APRIL 2023 Back on Track

The court forcefully rejects the state's do-nothing argument as violating the government's affirmative public trust duties to manage and protect natural resources for future generations. Our Hawai'i team spent decades developing strong law to make these doctrines work in practice.

MAY 2024 Turning a Corner

Our case team builds a huge record, including 600,000-plus pages of documents and compelling scientific testimonies from 10 top experts. With the trial date around the corner, the DOT director reaches out to negotiate a resolution. We and our youth clients come together with the state on a landmark settlement that achieves all our goals.

2045 The Road Ahead

The case team will work to keep the DOT on track to eliminate transportation emissions by 2045.



Kaliko T., one of the youngest plaintiffs in the case.
Elyse Butler for Earthjustice

“**I am glad that my story is helping to advance climate action in Hawai'i. I don't want anyone else to suffer the way I and my family have.**”

— **Kaliko T.**, age 11 when the case began

In 2018, Kaliko's home was destroyed in a flood during Tropical Storm Olivia while her community was still recovering from massive wildfires sparked by Hurricane Lane. She lost her home again in August 2023 due to the Lahaina wildfires.

“**Climate change is not an impending doom, but a preventable crisis that is currently harming Hawai'i's youth, a crisis that the courts can help solve.**”

— **Mesina D.-R.**
age 15 when the case began

JANUARY 2023 The State Pumps the Brakes

The state asks the court to dismiss the case. The judge notes the crux of the state's argument was “that it is not required to do anything because the problem is just too big and the state's efforts will have no impact.”

MORE THAN HALF OF HAWAI'I'S EMISSIONS COME FROM TRANSPORTATION

Honolulu-bound traffic. Cathy Bussewitz / AP



“**I hope our case inspires youth to always use their voices to hold leaders accountable for the future they will inherit.**”

— **Rylee K.**
age 14 when the case began

Eight of the 13 youth plaintiffs celebrate the historic settlement in their case on June 24, 2024.
Elyse Butler for Earthjustice

MAY 2024 The Right Direction

The DOT commits to deadlines to implement a transformative plan that ensures a zero-emissions statewide transportation system by 2045. It also agrees to complete the bicycle and pedestrian network, invest over \$40 million to expand electric vehicle charging, establish a youth advisory council, and much more.

This is a best-in-class model, ready for use by other states and countries that are reducing emissions around the world. Concrete plans to reach a clean, zero-emissions transportation sector may have sounded like a long shot before we started. But because of partners and clients like the 13 youths here, we continue to make unprecedented progress. With each fight, we're clearing new paths to secure a sustainable climate for people of all ages, for today and tomorrow.



The Nāpali Coast and Kalalau Trail on the north shore of Kauaʻi.
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Earthjustice never goes alone. Every case we litigate is on behalf of our clients, from nationwide organizations to grassroots groups — and every one of our clients gets top-tier legal representation, free of charge. In addition to the clients listed here, whom we formally represented in Fiscal Year 2024, there are scores of others with whom we partner, co-counsel, and ally to achieve our goals.

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350 Tacoma

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Bullard Center for Environmental and Climate Justice
Buxmont Coalition for Safer Water

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Cabinet Resource Group
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California Environmental Justice Alliance
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California Wilderness Coalition
Californians Against Waste Foundation
Californians for Pesticide Reform
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Committee to Preserve the Finger Lakes
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Concerned Citizens of St. John
Concerned Citizens of the WMEL Water Authority
Concerned Ohio River Residents

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Cully Air Action Team
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Deep South Center for Environmental Justice
Defend Our Health
Defenders of Wildlife
Del Amo Action Committee
Delaware Concerned Residents for Environmental Justice
Delaware Riverkeeper Network
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Desert Citizens Against Pollution
Diné Citizens Against Ruining our Environment
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Downwinders at Risk
Duwamish River Cleanup Coalition

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E Ola Kākou Hawai'i LLC
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Earthworks
East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice
EcoCheyenne
Ecology Center
EEECHO
El Centro de la Raza
El Puente, Inc., Enlace Latino de Acción Climática
Elyria and Swansea Neighborhood Association
Endangered Wolf Center
Energy Efficient West Virginia
Environment America
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Environmental Health Strategy Center
Environmental Integrity Project
Environmental Justice Health Alliance for Chemical Policy Reform
Environmental Justice Task Force – Tucson
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Environmental Transformation Movement of Flint
Environmental Working Group
Eyak Preservation Council

Members of the Hualapai Tribe demonstrate outside the U.S. District Court for the District of Arizona in Phoenix. The Tribe sued the Department of Interior and Bureau of Land Management for illegally approving a plan to drill exploratory wells surrounding Hualapai lands. *Ash Ponders for Earthjustice*





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Families for Lead Freedom Now
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 our Heritage
Flint Rising
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 Wilderness
Friends of the Clearwater
Friends of the Earth
Friends of the River
Friends of the Santa Cruz River
Friends of the Wild Swan
Frisco Unleaded
Front and Centered
Full Gospel Pentecostal COGIC

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Gallatin Valley Sunrise
Gallatin Wildlife Association
Gary Advocates for
 Responsible Development
Glacier-Two Medicine Alliance
Golden State Salmon Association
Grand Canyon Trust
Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior
 Chippewa
Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa
 and Chippewa Indians
Grays Harbor Audubon Society
Great Old Broads for Wilderness
Greater Birmingham Alliance
 to Stop Pollution
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The Kalaloch Big Cedar Tree, estimated to be 1,000 years old, in Washington state's Olympic National Park.
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Greenpeace, Inc.
Grid Alternatives
Group Against Smog and Pollution

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Habitat Recovery Project
Havasupai Tribe
Hawai'i Advocates for Truly
 Affordable Housing
Hawai'i Solar Energy Association
Hawai'i Wildlife Fund
HEAL Utah
Healthy Air and Water Colorado
Healthy Gulf
Healthy Homes Collaborative
Helena Interfaith Climate Advocates
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Hillcrest Residents Association
Hispanic Federation
Hoonah Indian Community
Hoosier Environmental Council
Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians
Hualapai Tribe
Hui Ho'omalua i Ka 'Āina
Hui Ho'opulapula Nā Wai o Puna
Hui Mālama Honokōhau
Hui o Nā Wai 'Ehā
Humane Society of the United States
Hunting Park Community Solar Initiative
Hydaburg Cooperative Association

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Idaho Wildlife Federation
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 de Amelia
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International Association of Fire Fighters
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 Network
Ironbound Community Corporation
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Just Transition Northwest Indiana

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Kachemak Bay Conservation Society
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Kalanihale
Kasigluk Traditional Elders Council
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Kentucky Interfaith Power and Light, Inc.

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 Lake Superior Chippewa Indians
Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior
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Lost Hills In Action
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Lower Susquehanna Riverkeeper
LULAC Florida
Lynn Canal Conservation

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Mālama Mākua
Maricopa Audubon Society
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Miami Waterkeeper
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Academy of Pediatrics
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 Justice Alliance
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Sunlight Gardens owner, Devon Wilson, left, and an employee, Jerry Olds, work together in a hoop house at the farm in Battle Creek, Michigan. Wilson has worked with Earthjustice to lobby Congress to improve the House Farm Bill. Jamie Kelter Davis for Earthjustice

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Norton Bay Inter-Tribal Watershed Council
NW Energy Coalition
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Ohio Citizen Action
Ohio Environmental Council
Ohio Valley Allies
Ohio Valley Environmental Coalition
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Oregon Aviation Watch
Oregon Environmental Council

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Our Children’s Earth Foundation
Owasco Watershed Lake Association

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Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen’s Associations
Pāhonu Coleman, by guardian
Junior Coleman
Pajaro Valley Federation of Teachers
Park County Environmental Council
Pascua Yaqui Tribe
Patagonia Area Resource Alliance
Patagonia Inc.
Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma
PEAK Coalition
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Safe Ag Schools
Safer Chemicals, Healthy Families
Salmon for All
Salmon State
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San Bernardino Valley Audubon Society
San Carlos Apache
San Francisco Bay Area Physicians for Social Responsibility
San Francisco Baykeeper
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Saratoga Springs Owners Association
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Save Our Cabinets
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Solar United Neighbors
Sound Rivers
South Bronx Unite
South Tacoma Neighborhood Council
South Ward Environmental Alliance
Southeast Alaska Conservation Council
Southeast Alaska Indigenous Transboundary Commission
Southern Environmental Law Center
Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance
Southwest Energy Efficiency Project
Southwest Environmental Center
Southwestern Indiana Citizens for Quality of Life
Spokane Riverkeeper
St. Croix Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin
St. Francis Prayer Center
St. John’s Riverkeeper
Stand.earth
Standing Trees
Statewide Organizing for Community eMpowerment
Suquamish Tribe
Surfrider Foundation

Sustainable Energy Economy Solutions
Sustainable FERC Project
Swan View Coalition
Swinomish Indian Tribal Community
T
Takshanuk Watershed Council
Tanana Chiefs Conference
Testing for Pease
Texas Campaign for the Environment
Texas Environmental Justice Advocacy Services
Texas Health and Environment Alliance
The Anointed Temple AOH Church of God
The Bay Institute
The Boat Company
The Hopi Tribe
The Lands Council
The Moms on a Mission Hui
The Pew Charitable Trusts
THE POINT Community Development Corporation
The Steamboaters
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Thiel Road Coalition
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Tonawanda Seneca Nation
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Toxic-Free Future
Trap Free Montana Public Lands
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U
U.S. Public Interest Research Group
U.S. Right to Know
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United Farm Workers Foundation
United Farm Workers of America
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Upper Missouri River Waterkeeper
UPROSE
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Valley Organic Growers Association
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2 Residents of Pennsylvania
2 Rooftop solar customers
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3 Residents of Hawai’i
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A humpback whale lunge feeds on anchovies in Monterey Bay, California. Chase Dekker Wild-Life Images / Getty Images



The Cabinet Mountains Wilderness. Eric Ian for Earthjustice

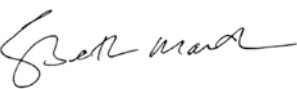
FISCAL YEAR 2024 FINANCIAL REPORT

When we launched the Never Rest™ campaign five years ago, we knew we had to do more to rise to the environmental challenges we face — for our climate, our health, and our web of life. Earthjustice’s first comprehensive campaign, Never Rest™ propelled us to double our staff and expand our work domestically and abroad. We opened new offices in the Midwest and the Gulf South and built new teams to focus on biodiversity defense, toxics exposure, Tribal partnerships, and the Supreme Court. This past fiscal year alone, we added 21 full-time staff, and our attorneys represented 656 clients.

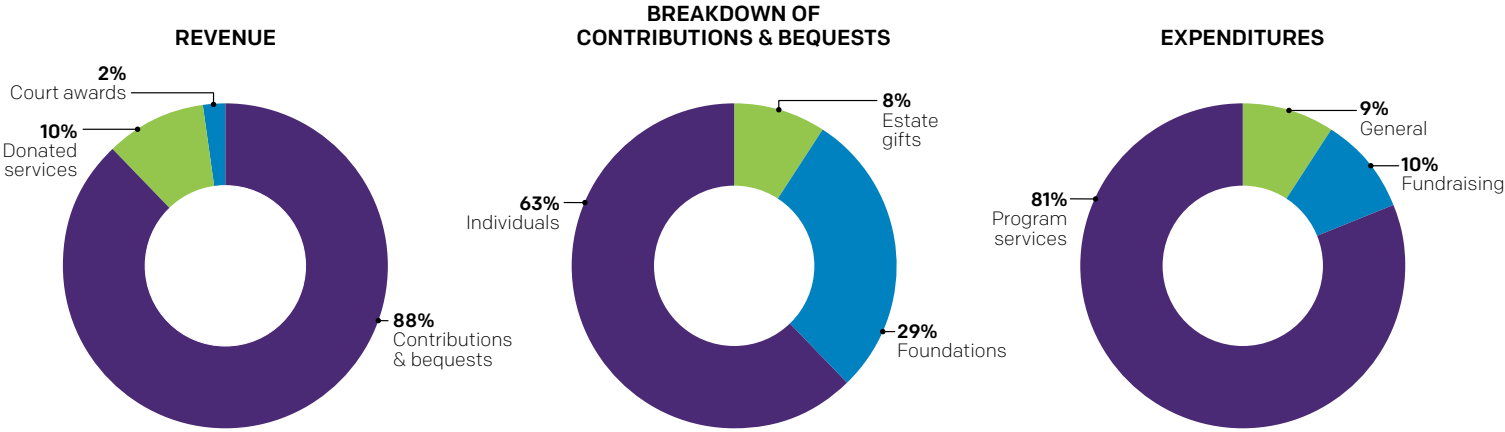
We are called once again to do more. Earthjustice is now scaled up to meet the moment, working alongside incredible partners in the fight of our lives. To resource our expanded body of work, Earthjustice dug deep to invest in our teams and our mission. Through a temporary drawdown of our Board-controlled

endowment, we are equipping ourselves for the great challenges that lie ahead. We have come too far, and we have fought too hard to backslide in the last remaining years to pursue a just and livable planet.

As our opponents double down on their efforts, we must do even more to win. Your continued support fortifies us for coming challenges and, as always, enables us to represent our clients free of charge. Thank you for being with us in this fight.



Libby Marsh
Senior Vice President of Development



STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

Revenues	
Contributions	\$118,242,710
Bequests	\$11,097,438
Donated services	\$14,359,022
Court awards	\$3,550,324
Investment income	\$23,870,659
Other income	\$335,356
TOTAL REVENUES	
\$171,455,509	
Expenses	
Program services	
Litigation	\$82,779,069
Donated litigation services	\$5,655,154
Public information	\$37,893,756
Donated public information services	\$8,703,868
Supporting services	
Management & general	\$14,756,181
Fundraising	\$15,972,381
TOTAL EXPENSES	
\$165,760,409	
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	
\$5,695,100	

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Assets	
Cash	\$9,039,004
Short-term & long-term investments	\$209,015,765
Accounts receivable	\$28,376,681
Other assets	\$7,234,319
Split-interest gift agreements	\$15,398,615
Operating right-of-use lease asset, net	\$22,512,424
Property and equipment, net	\$5,840,933
TOTAL ASSETS	
\$297,417,741	
Liabilities	
Accounts payable & accrued liabilities	\$13,727,066
Deferred compensation liability	\$2,632,220
Operating lease liabilities	\$28,754,422
Liabilities related to split-interest gift agreements	\$8,284,617
TOTAL LIABILITIES	
\$53,398,325	
Net Assets*	
Without donor restrictions	
For current operations	\$19,503,804
Board-Designated Endowment Fund	\$184,084,803
Investment in property and equipment	\$5,840,933
With donor restrictions	
Unspent purpose restricted fund	\$16,743,475
Time-restricted funds and investments	\$11,911,415
Split-interest gift reserves, net of liabilities	\$3,671,859
Endowment	\$2,263,127
TOTAL NET ASSETS	
\$244,019,416	
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	
\$297,417,741	

* Our Board-Designated Endowment Fund ensures our ability to carry forward all of our cases to completion. In FY24, Earthjustice’s board authorized a \$14 million drawdown from the endowment to fund our operating budget. Elevated draws are planned to continue for the following two fiscal years before returning to the regularly budgeted 4% draw in FY27.



A caribou herd in Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.
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Our annual report shares a few select highlights from the last fiscal year.
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