



Out of concern for environmental implications and accelerating climate change, our communities have continued to urge the EPA and our government to be a partner in ensuring healthier environmental conditions for our children. We see an overwhelming support by American people in addressing climate change and protecting our air and water.

Within the Latino community, two-thirds of voters acknowledge that air pollution is a serious health risk to their families.

We have witnessed how climate change is responsible for thousands of premature deaths, hundreds of missed work or school days, and higher risks of asthma attacks. In particular, as a result of the majority of Latinos living in areas with some of the poorest air quality, we see the disproportionate impacts within those communities. Latino children suffer 153,000 asthma attacks every year, and forty percent of are more likely to die compared to non-Latino counterparts.

Additionally, Latinos live in areas most impacted by extreme weather patterns that lead to devastating impacts, some of which we have witnessed as a result of hurricanes Harvey, Irene, and Maria.

In Houston for instance, majority minority neighborhoods faced some of the largest amounts of damage from rising flood waters. This is on top of the threat posed from toxic pollution that petrochemical facilities, which are often adjacent to these vulnerable communities, released into these neighborhoods as a result of hurricane Harvey.

Since hurricane Maria, thousands of Puerto Ricans have left the island, and it is estimated that half a million residents will leave the island by 2019. And nearly one million people in Puerto Rico, including many children, are still without power in what has been deemed the largest and longest blackout in American history. This is an example of the lack of preparation that exists in dealing with climate change impacts. Through the redevelopment plans for the island, it's important to not only address the restoration of power to all, but to also address the health impacts the devastation has had on its people.

What is clear is that Latinos want climate action. According to the [Yale Program on Climate Change Communication](#), three in four Latinos are worried about climate change. And nationally, 9 in 10 Latinos want government to act against the dangers of global warming and climate

change.

It is time for us to take bold, decisive action to fight climate change and protect our children from the negative health impacts of increased air pollution. We will not allow them to continue these egregious attacks on our public health.

CALLS TO ACTION

1. [Learn more about the effect of climate change on our children's health](http://www.greenlatinos.org/climatechange) by visiting www.greenlatinos.org/climatechange
2. **Become an EcoMadre** [learn more](#) and [sign up today!](#)

Ecomadres is a collaborative program between GreenLatinos and Moms Clean Air Force that brings Latina moms together to address issues of clean air, climate, and toxins that affect the health of Latino children and families.

3. **Become a [GreenLatinos member](#) and join the GreenLatinos [climate and clean air working group](#)**

GreenLatinos provides an inclusive table at which its members establish collaborative partnerships and networks to improve the environment; protect and promote conservation of land and other natural resources; amplify the voices of minority, low-income and tribal communities; and train, mentor, and promote the current and future generations of Latino environmental leaders for the benefit of the Latino community and beyond. Join the network today!