

WE HOLD THESE TRUTHS TO BE SELF-EVIDENT, THAT ALL MEN ARE CREATED EQUAL, THAT THEY ARE ENDOWED BY THEIR CREATOR WITH CERTAIN UNALIENABLE RIGHTS, THAT AMONG THESE ARE LIFE, LIBERTY AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS.

Declaration of Independence

FOR GEORGIA ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE BILL

Ensuring all Georgians have access to Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness.



Why an EJ Bill?

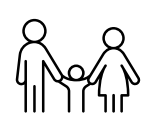
As America grows, we have expanded the definition of “all men.” This process means that we must look at our current laws, reflect on our past injustices, and make changes to level the playing field.

An Environmental Justice Bill is needed to address past injustices, that are reflected in current policies, to create a more prosperous and healthy future for all Georgians.

EJ Bill Components

- Require new permits to address the impact on community health and property values, via assessing both environmental and economic impacts.
- Focus on transparency by mandating public access to information and clear communication to affected communities.
- Set clear lines of enforcement and accountability.

Without an EJ Bill Georgians Lose



Their ability to make a better future for their children

The American Dream is home ownership - home prices and generational wealth are directly linked to the surrounding environment.



Their freedom to utilize and enjoy the land

New infrastructure is often built in rural areas. The agricultural heartland of Georgia needs to be protected.



Their very lives

Living with poor air and water quality is directly linked to numerous diseases and premature death.

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EJ FAST FACTS

15 **WORST - LIFE EXPENTENCY**
IN 2020 - THE AVERAGE LIFE EXPECTANCY IN THE US WAS 77,
BUT IN GEORGIA, THE AVERAGE LIFE EXPECTANCY WAS 75.6

106 **K - PREMATURE DEATHS**
FINE PARTICLE AIR POLLUTION ORIGINATING FROM HUMAN ACTIVITY WAS
RESPONSIBLE FOR AN ESTIMATED 107,000 PREMATURE DEATHS IN THE
UNITED STATES — AT A COST OF \$886 BILLION TO SOCIETY — IN 2011.

64 **% SUPERFUND - MAJ MINORITY**
GEORGIA'S HISTORY OF HOUSING SEGREGATION AND DISCRIMINATORY LAND USE
PRACTICES RESTRICTED MINORITIES TO LIVE IN AREAS WITH LAND AND AIR TOXINS
THAT DEPRECIATED LAND/PROPERTY VALUES AND HEALTH.

36 **K JOBS - NATURAL RESOURCES**
1M+ RESIDENT ANGLERS WHO SPEND 8.7M DAYS/YR ON THE WATER.
650L+ HUNTERS WHO SPEND 8.9M DAYS/YR IN THE FIELD.
COMBINED: OVER \$2B IN RETAIL SALES, \$3B IN RIPPLE EFFECTS, AND 38K+ JOBS.

500 **B DOLLARS - ECON BENEFIT**
THE U.S. OMB FOUND THAT REGULATIONS ISSUED BY THE EPA LIMITING AIR
POLLUTION GENERATED BETWEEN \$157 BILLION AND \$777 BILLION (IN 2010
DOLLARS) IN BENEFITS TO THE U.S. ECONOMY.

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