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Women and the Environment White House Briefing – March 26, 2012

Commitment Card Notes

Air

- I am committed to spreading the word and encouraging action on clean air. As an asthmatic wife, a family impacted by the lack of clean air, I will continue sharing what I have learned from the EPA with other moms and bloggers.

Business

- We will work to create the Detroit Sustainability Center and Model, renovating a former auto dealership.
- Transparency in the capital markets towards a greater appreciation of the value of the environment.
- Translating the science and knowledge of agencies like the EPA into action for the sports and entertainment industry – and ultimately translate into public action
- I commit to help drive environmental sustainability and transparency in the private sector. Continue to support women in science.
- I will continue to help philanthropy maximize its impact on environmental health and environmental justice and to strengthen the relationship between the Administration and philanthropy on these issues.
- I commit to driving sustainability in the corporate sector by:
 - Leadership
 - Giving tools to employees
 - Walking the talk
 - Innovation
 - Promoting STEM education
- I commit to partnering with corporations that align with our efforts to create environmentally safe communities
- Work with Wall Street/financial services organizations to push environmental/green agendas, choosing green transactions/clean energy
- Continue to be committed to empowering communities of color and low-income communities to economic opportunities that the clean energy economy promises. Also, our commitment to building new leaders of color is stronger than ever.
- To work to educate and advance job creation solutions to our biggest environmental and energy challenges.
- To engage and promote women's voice in the media on the green economy and sustainability

Energy

- I am committed to continue working for responsible energy regulations in the broader context of a long-term energy policy aimed at achieving a low-carbon future.

- I commit to working on improving on collaboration and communication with the other women I met today, especially with the goal of a “no regrets” energy strategy that delivers power without sacrificing health and the environment.

Expanding the Conversation About Environmentalism

- I’m committed to enhancing the leadership capacity for women environment. I’m committed to promoting this administration and your efforts.
- To hold consultations with women around the United States to develop policies that will bring more women into leadership positions in the global green economy.
- My commitment is to get the young voices for the planet out to millions and to create more films to give youth a voice. On a personal note: Please do what you can to defeat the XL pipeline. Dr. James Hensen has said that the carbon emitted from this project and the boreal/forest cut for it would constitute the end of the game” regarding climate change, emitting so much CO2 into the atmosphere. I know Obama is up against great forces, but for the future of his children and all our children, please fight the XL pipeline. Thank you for convening this meeting.
- I commit to helping the EPA to better:
 - Promote
 - Provoke and
 - Celebrate

Broad, civic engagement on environmental issues (I mean it!)

- Thank you for this event. And I look forward to continuing our work on environmental education and expanding the conversation . . . so much to do. Thanks.
- I am committed to keeping this administration in office to continue the good work. How can I help?
- Great event. We will keep environmental education and communication ongoing.
- Committed to strengthening EPA’s capacity and knowledge to protect children where they learn and play – and broadening the base.
- Forster a network with multiple perspectives and voices to build a greeter force for change within the Atlanta community.
- Find new ways to nurture and raise the voices of champions for the environment – especially farmers and conservatives.
- An idea communicated in our breakout session that I would like to commit to continue is reaching out to my peers, friends, family and neighbors to speak to them on their own terms about the environment – problems, successes and measures they can take to make a difference.
- I commit to bring the issues I care about to more women and local communities.
- I’m committed to being one of the “singing choir” and empowering others to take action!
- Blog about this event and the importance of educating the public about how their daily choices impact the environment.

- Engaging Latinas on environmental issues to build the knowledge to advocate for environmental protection.
- We are ramping up our environmental education efforts to stress outreach to diverse awareness. My personal commitment is to get involved in bringing environmental education to at least one Head Start center in Houston.
- Engagement and education in sustainable living choices – motivating and inspiring people to change!
- Celebrate dialogue and welcome partnerships with business, government and NGOs to address climate challenge. Bring new voices, moms, communities and kids, to bring about behavior changes to improve environment and health of women and families
- Take the EPA message on how we can all participate in environmental change to my community, workplace and family.
- Building sustainable transparency to empower and educate communities who are most impacted by environmental damage
- Promoting environmental evangelism, mobilizing the brand to mobilize the community
- Continue to participate in and support community-based education about the environment
- I plan to continue to education people about the importance of protecting our environment through my day-to-day work with the Green Group and through the HIV/AIDS economic justice advocacy work.
- I am committed to bringing more women of color, particularly mother, into the fold . . .by educating them about important issues in the environment, providing facts, debunking myths, and helping them understand the wide range of issues that disproportionately affect communities of color. It is my job to tell our moms why this should matter to them . . . and engage them and spur them to action. Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to be a part of this. The voices of mothers of color are an important part of the discussion that has been missing for so long. It's time we all step up to help ourselves, our children and families.

Health

- To improve consideration of gender equity in environmental health protection
- Improving and safeguarding the health of pregnant women and young children by improving environmental quality in communities and homes.
- To get the word outside the conversation, change lifestyles to be more sustainable
- 1) Chemical Safety Policy Reform 2) Eco-healthy child care 3) Children's environmental health trainings/education 4) Mentoring our next generation of leaders (youth and public health workforce)
- I am committed to educating the public health community on health policy and environmental change and Health Equity among all people! Thank you for this great opportunity!!
- I am committed to working on the intersection of health and environmental justice. LULAC is starting to look at the connection between the built environment and its impact on the health of communities.

- Exploring toxins in the environment and other potential carcinogens. Planning seminar for spouses of congress and senate and other education opportunity. No politics or advocacy – education only!
- I will commit to ensure that the 40K families, members of Jack and Jill of America, Inc. continue to understand the importance that environmentally healthy living plays in the lives of children.
- Protection of EPA whistleblowers
- Investigation of South African Vanadium workers –complete investigation

Land

- Please keep working to stop mountaintop removal.
- Land use and sustainability issues (conserving land for low-income communities, carbon offsets, etc.)
- Increase the visibility of communities impacted by improper coal ash disposal via You Tube, guest blogs, etc. Thanks for a great event.

Policy

- Making it safe for American politicians to talk about climate change and solutions
- I commit to defending the regulatory system that provides the framework for the public health and environmental safeguards that save lives.

Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM)

- To engage and empower under-represented young people in ecological careers and build passion for environmental well-being.
- I commit to educating my students to the many advances the EPA is making, and to inspire my women students to embrace environmental science and technology careers.
- Personally and actively support education for future women in engineering and science.
- STEM education for my club members and their families
- STEM: Science inspiration to underserved students, especially girls. Serve as a role model to Generation Z in science. Use Twitter, Face book and new technologies to raise science literacy.

Water

- Green infrastructure to be implemented at the neighborhood, borough, city and regional scale in New York City.
- Commitment to Clean Water Act Juries, Coal Ash cleanup
- Float-In Earth Day, April 22, 2012
- I am committed to advancing the State-Federal conversation and relationship on clean water!
- I am committed to ensuring access to clean and safe water for all. I am also committing to working with girls on science education projects.

