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First Lady Invites Climate Scientist – and Florida Mom – Nicole Hernandez Hammer to State of the Union

Moms Clean Air Force Advocate Available for Interviews

(January 19, 2015) Nicole Hernandez Hammer, a mom and climate scientist from Southern Florida, has been invited to join First Lady Michelle Obama for the State of the Union address on Tuesday night.

She will join the First Lady, Dr. Jill Biden, and a handful of extraordinary Americans to watch the speech from the First Lady's box seats. (You can see the [First Lady's guest list](#), and find out more about the guests here).

Nicole Hernandez Hammer works with [Moms Clean Air Force](#) (MCAF) to educate other parents about the impacts our children will face from climate change. **She is available for interviews** today and tomorrow before the State of the Union address.

(To reach Nicole for an interview, contact MCAF's Gretchen Dahlkemper at 305-606-6160 or gdahlkemper@moms-clean-air-force.org)

Nicole was born in Guatemala, to a Guatemalan mom and Cuban father, and moved to the U.S. when she was four. She now lives in the Miami area with her husband and 7-year-old son Benjamin.

Nicole is a climate scientist who studied sea level rise. She taught at the University of Southern Florida and Florida Atlantic University. Because of her deep concern about the threat of climate change to her son and his generation, she recently left academia and began working with MCAF.

"I left academia because I spent years working with my colleagues to settle the debate on climate change. The debate is settled, our climate is changing, our seas are rising. Now is the time for action. I worked to confirm that the climate is changing and now I am working on behalf of my son for action -- we need to fight climate change today." -- Nicole Hernandez Hammer

Today, Nicole is organizing parents – especially in the Latino communities in Florida – to take action on climate change. She has worked with other Florida MCAF members in support the [Clean Power Plan](#). And last spring, she drove from Miami to Washington D.C. with her family to speak with EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy and her Congressional lawmakers about sea level rise in southern Florida and the urgent need to limit the United States' greenhouse gas emissions.

Moms Clean Air Force is the largest national organization of parents uniting for clean air and to fight climate change for the sake of our children's health. MCAF has more than 400,000 members across the United States, including more than 30,000 members in Florida.

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Moms Clean Air Force is a community of moms and dads united against air pollution – including the urgent crisis of our changing climate – to protect our children's health. We arm members with reliable information and solutions through online resources, articles, action tools and on-the-ground events.