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Moms Clean Air Force Sending Delegation to UN Climate Talks in Paris *American Parents Will Bring Moms' Perspective on Climate Change to World Leaders*

WASHINGTON, DC - Three representatives from Moms Clean Air Force will attend the historic UN climate talks in Paris beginning next week. Their presence will help bring the perspective of American parents to the negotiations, to be attended by President Barack Obama and other heads of state.

The UN climate negotiations are going forward in the wake of the Paris terrorist attacks, with heightened security and curtailed civil society side events.

"Children are first and worst when it comes to the health impacts of climate change," said Molly Rauch, Public Health Policy Director, who is traveling to the climate talks from Washington, DC. "As climate change worsens, children can expect more asthma triggers, more heat-related illnesses, more vector-borne diseases, and more respiratory infections," she said. "Children are more vulnerable to these health impacts than adults. I owe it to my own children, and all children, to make sure these concerns are brought to the UN climate talks."

"These climate talks are an incredible opportunity for nations to work together toward a viable, global climate solution," said Gretchen Dahlkemper, National Field Director, who is traveling to the climate talks from Philadelphia, where she lives with her three young children. "We represent over 600,000 American moms, dads, and grandparents who understand that climate change threatens our kids. It's important that world leaders know that American families want solutions to the climate crisis."

Moms Clean Air Force is a co-founder of the international coalition Our Kids' Climate, which mobilizes parents worldwide for global climate action. As part of Our Kids' Climate, Moms Clean Air Force will deliver a global parent petition to UN officials, calling on world leaders to take immediate action on climate change.

An international climate agreement will help us meet our moral obligation to protect our children and grandchildren. "All the major polluting countries have set out how they will tackle this problem," said Loni Cortez Russell, Regional Field Manager, Western States, who is traveling to the UN climate talks from California. "The emissions reductions on the table are not enough to protect the world's children from an uncertain future, but they are a necessary first step to get the world on a path to a clean energy future."

For real-time updates on our activities in Paris, see our [web page on climate action in Paris](#).

Read more about Gretchen Dahlkemper's decision to attend the UN climate talks [here](#).

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