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Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs
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Dear Ms. Reid:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft revisions to the Environmental Justice Policy of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (Draft EJ Policy).

The comments from the Conservation Law Foundation are comprehensive and we at Arise for Social Justice support all proposed changes.

We have two additional recommendations.

1. When more than two-thirds of a city or town can be designated an environmental justice community, then that definition should be expanded to include the entire incorporated area.
2. Environmental Justice communities should be directly notified of any plants proposed for their area which will have a significant impact on water or air quality in the region, even if those proposed plants will not require a MEPA review.

Please keep us informed as the process for developing and finalizing the EJ policy progresses.

Yours truly,

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Executive Director