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WHITE HOUSE YOUTH CLIMATE SUMMIT IN DETROIT

Detroiters Working for Environmental Justice (DWEJ) and the Detroit Climate Action Collaborative (DCAC), an initiative of DWEJ, are pleased to announce our second Detroit Youth Climate Summit. This year's Detroit Youth Climate Summit is part of a program introduced by the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy to support climate change and energy education and literacy. We are honored to have been selected to plan another summit in Detroit, putting the city amongst ten nationally and five internationally to participate in this program.

The Detroit Youth Climate Summit will occur at the Michigan Science Center (5020 John R Street, Detroit, MI) on Tuesday, October 27, 2015, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. About 250 Detroit high school students are expected to attend. Many organizations worked collaboratively to develop the Detroit Youth Climate Summit event. We would like to acknowledge The Wild Center, a museum in the Adirondack Park in upstate New York for their generous sharing of the Summit format that helped shape our event. Youth Climate Summits are becoming a movement and our Summit is one of several taking place this year.

The summit will focus on climate justice, climate action planning and green jobs opportunities. Students will take an active role in the summit and in the subsequent climate projects that they will plan for their schools. Additionally, there will be an opportunity for the students to participate via teleconference in a COP (Conference of the Parties) 21 side event highlighting youth leadership in climate action. The Conference of the Parties refers to the international meeting to negotiate a climate change agreement. It will take place in Paris, France, from November 30 through December 11, 2015.

About Detroiters Working for Environmental Justice and Detroit Climate Action Collaborative

In 2011, Detroiters Working for Environmental Justice (DWEJ), the oldest environmental justice organization in Michigan, convened several key stakeholders from diverse backgrounds to form the Detroit Climate Action Collaborative (DCAC). Since then, DCAC has grown from 12 people to over 40 actively engaged participants, including representatives from environmental, community, governmental, scientific, academic, health, business and other sectors. DCAC was established to help the City of Detroit identify short- and long-term actions to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, provide expert advice on the most credible, aggressive and economically viable targets, develop a comprehensive Climate Action Plan, and to ready Detroiters for coping with the impacts of climate change. Respective websites are www.dwej.org and www.detroitclimateaction.org.

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