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## **Krueger-Braneky and advocates urge adoption of resolution urging Pa. to join U.S. Climate Alliance**

**HARRISBURG, June 26** – State Rep. Leanne Krueger-Braneky, D-Delaware, rallied support for the adoption of her resolution (H.R. 421) urging Pennsylvania to join the Climate Alliance at a news conference today along with several of the resolution's 36 co-sponsors, as well as mothers and children representing the Send the Lorax and Mom's Clean Air Force.

Members of the U.S. Climate Alliance are committed to reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 26-28 percent from 2005 levels and meeting or exceeding the goals of the federal Clean Power Plan. The alliance was formed in response to President Trump's recent decision to withdraw the U.S. from the Paris Agreement.

"It is now up to state and local governments to lead the effort to protect the future of our communities, commonwealth, country and planet because of President Trump's decision," Krueger-Braneky said. "I believe it is in the best interest of Pennsylvania to join the alliance in order to continue to address the impacts of climate change while simultaneously stimulating growth and job creation in the areas of energy efficiency and renewable energy resources."

Current members of the Climate Alliance include Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Oregon, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia and Puerto Rico. More than 1,200 local officials, businesses and educational institutions have also stated they will uphold the elements of the Paris Agreement, including Mom's Clean Air Force and Send the Lorax who were both represented at today's event.

"The reality of climate change today – rising temperatures, extreme weather, increased smog and more, puts the health and safety of our children at risk," said Gretchen Dahlkemper, Moms Clean Air Force's national field director. "This resolution is an important step to address climate change and protecting our children across the Commonwealth. Mom's Clean Air Force highlighted the impact of climate change on the health and safety of our children in Paris and we know that good policy at all levels of government is critical to address this global problem that impacts every single one of us."

"It is important lawmakers and citizens step up to defend the environment from the shortsighted and reckless decision of our president through actions like this resolution," said Cathy Spahr, founder of Send the Lorax. "As Dr. Seuss teaches us in *The Lorax*, we must all be advocates and protectors of the clean air, clean water and abundant forests for our children. I'm here today because joining the Climate Alliance will help make sure Pennsylvania is doing its part to fulfill our responsibility to them, while demonstrating how citizens, including kids, and lawmakers can step up, participate and make an impact."

In addition to the lawmakers and organizations present today, Pittsburgh Mayor Bill Peduto also has come forward in support of upholding the alliance and goals of the Paris Agreement.

"Pittsburgh is the example of why the Paris Agreement is good for economic development: such work is good for business too," he said. "We've rebuilt our economy on the future and our people, not the past."

If adopted, the resolution will be transmitted to Gov. Tom Wolf, Trump, the presiding officers of each chamber of Congress; and each member of the Pennsylvania congressional delegation.

"Scientists, environmentalists, business leaders and the majority of Americans all understand that climate change threatens our health, economy, environment and future," Krueger-Braneky said. "I thank my colleagues who have already signed on as co-sponsors and strongly encourage others in elected office to step up and fill the leadership void created by President Trump when he decided to withdraw."

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