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I am heartened that environmental justice issues are being considered. There have certainly been many cases where low-income and minority populations have been unfairly treated.

I would like to encourage you to also consider that many environmental policies know no bounds of race or color. We're all at risk when our air and waters are polluted, when our public lands are treated purely as economic assets to be exploited for our generation, and when nonhuman creation is considered to be expendable.

I would encourage you to think broadly about justice for minorities, justice for all people in the state, justice for future generations, and justice for God's nonhuman creations. Most faiths and denominations are becoming more aware of these urgent problems and support actions that lead to environmental justice in all its forms.

Sincerely,
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