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An Open Letter from National Environmental Organizations

Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. is not an environmentalist. He is a dangerous conspiracy theorist and science denier¹²³ whose agenda would be a disaster for our communities and the planet.

He may have once been an environmental attorney, but now RFK Jr. is peddling the term “climate change orthodoxy”⁴ and making empty promises to clean up our environment with superficial proposals.⁵ The truth is, by rejecting science, what he offers is no different than Donald Trump.

In the fact-free world that both he and Trump live in, objective reality simply does not exist. Their policy platforms are instead driven by what will benefit Big Oil⁶⁷ and the greedy corporations that fund them. We know, however, that environmental progress depends on following scientific fact and putting people over politics.

With so much at stake, we stand united in denouncing RFK Jr.’s false environmentalist claims. We can’t, in good conscience, let him continue co-opting the credibility and successes of our movement for his own personal benefit. Especially not on Earth Day.

RFK Jr. is a bleak reminder that our democracy is incredibly vulnerable. Any support for this Kennedy-in-name-only will inevitably result in a second Trump term and the complete erosion of vital environmental and social gains made to date.

Which is why we are calling on Americans to reject RFK Jr. and the toxic beliefs he promotes before it’s too late.

Sincerely,

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