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To whom it may concern:

Thank you for all your hard work on the Commission streamlining so far. I am writing about the Commission on the Environment.

The Commission on the Environment is a key player in guaranteeing equity in climate action. Not all communities are equally affected by climate change. Communities of color and those with low incomes frequently experience the worst effects of pollution and extreme weather. In order to ensure that every neighborhood benefits from climate action. The Commission has specifically directed grants and programs to address these disparities.

Advisory bodies are unable to mandate that programs prioritize equity or distribute funds. The only way to ensure that justice is ingrained in environmental policy is through a Commission that makes decisions. Without its power underprivileged groups might once more be disregarded.

The core of climate action must continue to be environmental justice. Please maintain the Commission's governing function.

Sincerely,

Sheila Thompson