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Dear Anni,

I write you today with some good news being that the New Mexico Climate Justice organization that you lead so well has been selected for the 2024 Climate Justice Award for helping build resiliency among communities most impacted by climate change, for engendering public involvement in phasing out fossil fuels and for excellent teamwork in addressing the climate crisis.

New Mexico Climate Justice has been a leader by listening to indigenous and frontline communities as they stand up to extractive industries, by amplifying the voices of those directly impacted by pollution and by calling for and advancing a just transition. The organization you represent and direct thoughtfully has also been a hub for events, rallies and ways to take action. It is impressive and notable for example that NM Climate Justice has to date 45,000 followers (and growing) on instagram and how you inspire people interested to get involved. Equally noticeable and impactful is the group's work on and use of videos to raise awareness and activate your constituency.

The Climate Justice Award is meant to reach out to and raise up those who are most unjustly and unduly affected by the climate crisis. To honor this pledge this year we have selected dual recipients—NM Climate Justice which is the local recipient respectfully upholding this commitment and the UN's International Organization for Migration (IOM) which globally does the vital work of supporting people in dire need who have been displaced from their homes because of climate related disasters, including those recently affected by the extreme flooding in Nigeria.

The United States as the greatest historical and per capita emitter of greenhouse gasses, and therefore greatest contributor to the climate crisis, must take responsibility to heal the harms we have caused and we must become the greatest contributor to climate justice solutions. NM Climate Justice and the UN IOM are shining illustrations of what is possible when we work together, when we lead by example and when we do the right thing. Thank you and your team so much for all the excellent work you do!

Most sincerely,

Robb Hirsch
Founder & Executive Director