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Local Climate Justice Organizer Hired by the White House

Oregon Native Youth Going To The White House

EUGENE, OR. – The White House Office of Science and Technology Policy has hired Haley Case-Scott, the Lane County Climate Justice Organizer working for Beyond Toxics and the NAACP Eugene-Springfield. Case- Scott will begin her job in mid-October.

In her new position as a Junior Climate Policy Advisor, Case- Scott will help support Dr. Jane Lubchenko, a Distinguished Professor at Oregon State University appointed by President Biden to the position of Deputy Director for Climate and the Environment. Lubchenko previously served as Under Secretary of Commerce and Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) in the Obama-Biden Administration.

Case- Scott, as part of the Office of Science and Technology Policy will help with climate and environmental science efforts in the White House.

Reflecting back on her climate work over the past years, Case Scott said, *“I am so grateful for the experience I have gained during my time with Beyond Toxics and the NAACP, and I am excited to continue learning sound solutions to address climate change.”*

Case- Scott is a member of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, and a descendant of the Klamath Tribes, Yurok Tribe, and the Sakaogan Band of Chippewa Indians. She was born and raised in the Klamath Basin, and moved to Eugene in 2014 to attend the University of Oregon. She received her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science with a minor in Native American Studies. Prior to her work with Beyond Toxics and NAACP, Haley served as a Research Assistant with the Pacific Northwest Tribal Climate Change Project and the United States Forest Service.

“I know that Haley will continue her dedicated work to ensure that diverse perspectives are considered and respected in the development of climate policy,” said Lisa Arkin, Executive Director of Beyond Toxics and her direct supervisor. *“She has managed a number of ground-breaking projects for us including the inaugural Oregon Environmental Justice Pathways Summit. The groundwork Haley put in place will ensure we stay strongly focused on climate solutions and grassroots advocacy for our local communities.”*

“We at the NAACP are more than happy to see Haley's talent and potential being tapped by the administration at this critical time!” said Eric Richardson, Executive Director Eugene/Springfield NAACP.

Beyond Toxics is a statewide environmental justice organization advancing policies that ensure meaningful participation and cultivating grassroots leadership from Oregon's frontline and impacted communities. Established in 2001, we are a multicultural, inter-generational team dedicated to centering community leaders and building out the true diversity of our state's vibrant Environmental Justice movement.