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***At Rise For Climate, Jobs and Justice Rally,
citizens call on South Carolina to be real climate leader***

S.C. environmental and social justice organizations unite in coordination with hundreds of global events demanding commitment to put an end to fossil fuels, 100% renewables for all ahead of Global Climate Action Summit in San Francisco

Columbia, S.C. -- On the morning of Saturday, September 8, 2018, hundreds of South Carolinians will come together for the *Rise for Climate, Jobs, and Justice* rally at the South Carolina State House urging local authorities to take bold and meaningful action on climate ahead of the following week's California-based Global Climate Action Summit. The rally hosts include OFA (Organizing for Action) Central Midlands, 350 Columbia, Sierra Club, Carolina Peace Resource Center, Oceana, Simple Justice Black Lives Matter, SkepticalScience.com and other local organizations.

"We have felt a groundswell of organizing and agreement that now is the time to demand action in our beloved state. Renewables are not a futuristic technology. They can lift up our communities *today*, not tomorrow. They can create jobs for our state and lead us toward a more just environmental future for coming generations. The Palmetto State has an opportunity to be a real climate leader," said Nina Grey, chapter leader of OFA Central Midlands. "With U.S. withdrawal from the Paris Accord, with many legislators engaged in climate change denial and the national government ordering the EPA to dismantle the Clean Power Plan and replace it with a dirty power plan, it's more crucial than ever that elected officials at all levels fill these voids with bold and immediate action to protect people and our homes. South Carolina is rising up to demand officials at the local and state level step up and stand with communities," says Grey.

“The costs of climate inaction are paid for in the lives and livelihoods of our communities,” said John Hartz, Climate Leader of OFA Central Midlands and an author at SkepticalScience.com. “We are demanding what’s popular, fair, and necessary: a fossil free South Carolina with 100% renewables for all, no new fossil fuel projects, and polluters paying for their destruction thus far.”

Organizers will be highlighting the City of Columbia’s decision to achieve 100% renewables by the year 2036, while underscoring the urgency to go further in communities all across the state.

What: Rise for Climate, Jobs and Justice Rally

Where: SC State House, Gervais St. North Side

When: Saturday, Sept. 8, 2018

9 am - 12 noon

RSVP: <https://actionnetwork.org/events/rise-up-for-climate-jobs-and-justice>

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