

## Groundtruth: Valuing Lived Experience and Fostering Meaningful Community Engagement

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The Biden-Harris administration has placed an unprecedented federal focus on environmental justice using a whole of government approach, including issuing executive orders demanding accountability and action from a broad list of federal agencies and requiring input from impacted communities. In the 12th episode of "Groundtruth," Associate Hilary Jacobs (Washington, DC) meets with [Ebony Griffin](#), an Environmental Justice Advocate with Earthjustice, for a focused conversation about environmental justice and community engagement. They also discuss how regulators and companies can meaningfully engage with impacted communities to address environmental justice concerns.

*"It's so important that we get to a point where we collectively understand that there's a need to protect the environment and public health, and there is a need for advancement in industrialization, and we have to figure out a way to do those things together in a way that's protective of all the things we need to be protective of."*

— *Ebony Griffin*

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