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WE ACT 4 CHANGE RESPONDS TO SENATOR MANCHIN’S REQUEST TO HAVE PERMITTING LANGUAGE REMOVED FROM CR

WASHINGTON, DC – Today Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV) released a statement asking Senator Charles Schumer to remove the permitting language from the continuing resolution to keep the government operating. Peggy Shepard, executive director of WE ACT 4 Change, responded with the following statement:

“The environmental justice movement leveraged our individual and collective power to defeat this dirty side deal, which would have done nothing more than perpetuate racially and economically disproportionate harms in our communities for generations. Senator Manchin did the right thing in asking Senator Schumer and Democratic leadership to not attach this dangerous and discriminatory legislation to funding that keeps our government operating. We continue to call on Congress to pass the Environmental Justice for All Act. It was developed using a community-centered process and can, along with the NEPA investments in Inflation Reduction Act of 2022, modernize the permitting process in an equitable way and move renewable energy projects at an appropriate pace.”

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WE ACT 4 Change, Inc. is the 501(c)(4) political arm of WE ACT for Environmental Justice, a Northern Manhattan membership-based 501(c)(3) organization whose mission is to build healthy communities by ensuring that people of color and/or low income residents participate meaningfully in the creation of sound and fair environmental health and protection policies and practices.