

Environmental Justice & Clean Transportation



What is Chispa?

Chispa is a program of the League of Conservation Voters and is a 501c3 organization.

Chispa is dedicated to educating communities about environmental justice advocating for environmental wellness for communities of color and low income communities. Our purpose is to inspire these communities to take civic action for the environment.



The Problem

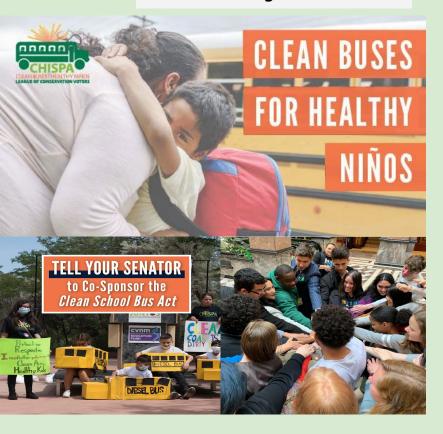
- Transportation is the largest single source of air pollution in the United States.
- Tiny particles of air pollution contain more hazardous ingredients in nonwhite and low-income communities than in affluent white ones, a new study by the **Scientific American** shows.
- The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) points to mobile sources
 (trains, planes and automobiles) as the greatest contributor to American air
 pollution, but industrial sources such as power plants and factories are not far
 behind.

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Clean Buses for Healthy Niños



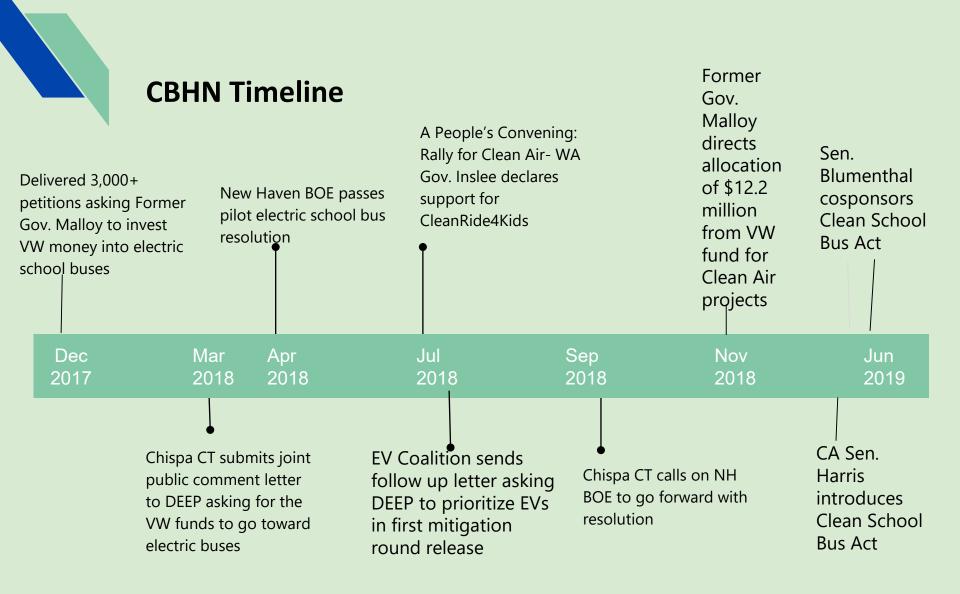
- Volkswagen cheated federal emissions tests and polluted our air. Now they're paying \$2.7 billion. States can use some of that money right now to clean up their polluted air.
- Many states have already allocated
 VW funding to new vehicles
- We're calling on key decision makers
 to invest in *clean electric school*buses, especially for low income &
 communities of color where the burden
 of breathing dirty air is higher.

Reasons why need a

#CleanRide4Kids

- 1. Limit children's exposure to harmful exhaust
- 2. Energy Efficiency
- 3. Electric bus purchase & maintenance







What's next?



To implement a successful electric school bus program in Connecticut,

We need YOUR help:

- 1. Communicate incentives for low income communities to retrofit buildings to accommodate EV charging
- 2. Installation of driver safety barriers, seatbelts, heating & cooling systems
- 3. Training for school bus drivers & engineers on EV infrastructure
- 4. Transparent communication to parents/guardians on the benefits of clean school buses
- 5. Ride Along Presentations to move Local/State Lawmakers towards implementing pilot programs

