California Environmental Justice Alliance

**Audio Clip #1:**

Gladys Limon: California is one of the top oil producing states. The industry has a tremendous amount of influence on the lawmakers, they contribute lots of money, they wield their power in many different ways. And it's unfortunate that we still have the new lawmakers that when it comes to environmental health and protecting the life expectancy and well being of communities at the front lines, they don't stand for communities and they stand down at the bidding of the oil industry.

**Audio Clip #2:**

Gladys Limon: Evidence based on research and studies that shows that communities with high particulate matter pollution, and other sorts of pollution, are suffering disproportionately from COVID. Which isn't surprising because the health of these communities has been jeopardized. There's respiratory health. So it's no surprise that, together with other socio-economic factors, COVID would have this very severe impact on community. So, given this landscape and also the public mandate to redress racial systemic inequities, it was especially frustrating and appalling that that bill [AB 345] did not move forward.