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RE: Background on Promise of Democracy Foundation and Ohio Climate Justice Fund
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Background on Listen, Learn and Share Series

Listen. Lead. Share. (LLS), is a statewide grassroots campaign that includes a goal of hosting public conversations with community members and stakeholders about the best and most effective ways to address climate and environmental justice in their communities. Intentional and authentic community listening is the first step in organizing grassroots support of equitable clean energy policies. The sessions are being coordinated by the **Ohio Climate Justice** and in partnership with the **Promise of Democracy Foundation** and other community partners.

Outreach Focus: Ward 1, Lee-Harvard, Warrensville Hts. Community's civic leaders, local clergy, small business leaders, parents, educators, and students.

Proposed Date: December 2, 2021, 4:00 to 6:00 PM (Refreshments will be served).

Outreach Strategy: It is our plan to build upon the outreach and energy from the municipal elections for our first session. The far southeast section of Cleveland was selected for its high-level of aging chemical industries, and illegal dumping in residential areas. It is also the community that has lacked investments in new energy efficient housing and business development. We are seeking to hold our first session at the Lee-Harvard Community Center, located in a residential community which is in close proximity to local retail businesses in the Lee-Harvard and Lee-Seville areas where we hope to recruit small business and non-profit leaders into the dialogue.

About the Promise of Democracy Foundation (PDF)

PDF has fiscally sponsored and implemented civic engagement organization headquartered in Cleveland, Ohio that coordinates programs designed to advance Democracy and Protect the Voting Rights of African Americans, Students and People of Color. The organization advances its mission by facilitating non-partisan voter registration, community-based voter education and supporting fair and more effective Election Administration. PDF works collaboratively with its state affiliate the **Ohio Voter Fund** and other state, national and local networks, and coalitions to conduct major policy initiatives including Voting Rights, Criminal Justice Reform, Environmental Justice, Behavioral Health Care and Wellness, and Access to Higher Education.

About the Ohio Climate Justice Fund (OCJF)

The OCJF is complemented by an advisory committee of Ohio environmental advocates and leaders whose charge is to advise and guide investments in Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) organizations in Ohio, working at the intersection of racial justice and climate action. Launched with seed funding and support from the George Gund Foundation, Energy Foundation, and the Cleveland Foundation, the OCJF advances accessible community education and community listening efforts centered on creating a sustainable, equitable future for Ohio.