

In seeking appointment to the equity working group subcommittee of the EEAC, I hope to help the EEAC play its key role in meeting the urgency of the climate crisis and creating cleaner, healthier, and better buildings for everyone -especially the populations who have been underserved through the programs and overburdened by our reliance on fossil fuels. As the environmental representative on the EEAC, I see my constituency as including both the traditional environmental advocacy community, and, more importantly, environmental justice populations who were not specifically assigned a seat in our founding legislation. I think the EWG's being constituted with representatives from outside the council and seeking feedback from affected communities is of crucial importance. I want to help advance that work.

Acadia Center has long been a pillar of the EEAC and the executive committee – helping to create both and serving on them from the beginning. The perspective gained from my organization's decade plus of service – and my own 8 years in these seats - brings significant assets. When the EWG was created, I stepped back to ensure that we did not run afoul of having too many counselors on a subcommittee, but have regretted that decision ever since, given the importance of the work that the group is doing. In my tenure, I believe I have been an advocate not only for the climate, but also for consumers and environmental justice communities. I look forward to continuing that work.

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