Environmental Justice & Clean Transportation
What is Chispa?

Chispa is a community organizing program of the League of Conservation Voters.

Chispa is dedicated to educating communities about environmental justice and 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 non-white 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.

References:
- Scientific American: https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/what-are-the-most-dangerous-threats-to-air-quality/
- EPA: https://www.epa.gov/greenvehicles/fast-facts-transportation-greenhouse-gas-emissions
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.
- Follow #CleanRide4Kids
Reasons why need a #CleanRide4Kids

1. Limit children's exposure to harmful exhaust
2. Energy Efficient
3. Electric bus purchase & maintenance costs continue to drop as technology improves
Delivered 3,000+ petitions asking Former Gov. Malloy to invest VW money into electric school buses

New Haven BOE passes pilot electric school bus resolution

Chispa CT calls on NH BOE to go forward with resolution

Former Gov. Malloy directs allocation of $12.2 million from VW fund for Clean Air projects


Chispa CT partners w/ Dattco Inc in submitting RFP for 1 electric bus

Chispa CT submits joint public comment letter to DEEP asking for the VW funds to go toward electric buses

A People’s Convening: Rally for Clean Air - WA Gov. Inslee declares support for CleanRide4Kids

CA Sen. Harris & CT Rep. Hayes introduce Clean School Bus Act
What’s next?

To implement a successful electric school bus program in Connecticut,

We need YOUR help:

1. Educate yourself about the benefits of Electric Buses, VW Mitigation Plan
2. Build relationships with your school board officials, state lawmakers: Educate them!
3. Hold educational forums with PTAs
4. Connect with CT EV Coalition on drafting a pilot program
5. Connect with school bus companies & transportation union workers to build support for #CleanRide4Kids
6. Connect them with school board on implementing pilot program
7. Submit RFP for funding: VW Funds, Federal DERA funds