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### **Breathe Project Applauds President Biden's Commitments at Climate Summit**

Pittsburgh, Pa. – The Breathe Project expresses its strong support for President Biden's leadership at the Climate Summit he is convening today, Earth Day 2021, at the White House. The planned announcement of pledging to cut the U.S.'s output of climate-changing pollution by 50% below 2005 levels by the year 2030 will send a clear signal to both the market and policymakers about creating a future in the best interest of all of us.

Regional leaders in Southwestern Pennsylvania should recognize the importance of choosing health and innovation in meeting these goals as the bedrock of our region's economy. We must find less impactful ways to meet the needs of our society without creating the damage that comes from harmful emissions and pollution control band-aids.

Just yesterday, our region once again ranked in the top-10 worst places in the U.S. for air pollution by the American Lung Association. The same sources of pollution that create our air quality challenges – sources that involve the burning of fossil fuels – also create climate pollution that threatens our collective future.

The good news is that the solution to both our region's air quality and climate challenges are the same – investing in healthier, less-impactful, and inspirational infrastructure, production, and ways of living that respect our rights to clean air, clean water, and a healthy future. President Biden's announcement will unleash our region's pent-up creativity for changing our path to a future that respects our relationships with each other and with our environment, something to be celebrated this Earth Day 2021.