Thank you for joining us. We know what women can achieve when we work together. We are building a women-led movement where every voice counts and building programs that uphold these values through real change on the ground. That’s why we are committed to protecting our health, our communities, and our environment.

Just this past year, you helped eliminate the toxic fragrance ingredient, Galaxolide, from SC Johnson’s products. You brought the need for safe feminine care to the halls of Congress. You moved the world’s largest consumer products manufacturer, Procter & Gamble, to insist on the most robust ingredient transparency policy in the industry. You called upon the California legislature to pass a bill requiring cleaning product makers to disclose ingredients and now it’s headed to the Governor’s desk for signing.

You continue to move mountains. Here at Women’s Voices for the Earth, we have been doing intensive planning, plotting our organization’s course for the next several years. Our vision towards the next phase is that we will take our continued collective power to call our companies and demand health-protective laws.

But it will take even more.

It will take working across issues and movements in a much deeper way, connecting on shared values and building programs that uphold these values through real change on the ground. That’s why we are focusing strongly on relationships with reproductive justice and environmental justice allies. We will take more women across the country leading, with their own hearts, ideas, and values. That’s why we’re investing in the leadership of women through our new Activista Leadership Institute.

It will take you.

We know what women can achieve when we work together. We are building a women-led movement for a thriving, diverse future with you. Together, we will stop the toxic assault on women’s health.

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Women Wear Feminine Care Safety to Capital Hill

On May 21, 2017, women from across the nation gathered in Washington, D.C., for the annual “Women’s Rally for Rights and Privacy” on Capitol Hill, which was sponsored by the Watershed Defense Network. The rally was a call to action to demand that the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) move to ban the use of the toxic chemical formaldehyde in feminine care products. 

Representative Grace Meng was the lead speaker at the rally on Capitol Hill, which was attended by thousands of women. After her speech, the rally participants circulated a petition demanding that the FDA ban formaldehyde from feminine care products. Women’s Voices for the Earth (WVE) coalition member Karen Weil also spoke at the rally. She said, “Women’s Voices is proud to be standing with the Watershed Defense Network to support this important cause. I urge the FDA to move forward on this issue to protect the health and safety of women.”

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