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## **CASE TO SEND 75+ STUDENT DELEGATES TO STATE CAPITOL TO VOICE CONCERNS OVER DRINKING WATER SUPPLIES IN GREATER BIRMINGHAM**

**March 20<sup>th</sup>, Montgomery, AL:** The Coalition of Alabama Students for the Environment (CASE) will be sending over 75 student delegates from campuses statewide to present concerns over drinking water in Greater Birmingham.

Student teams will meet primarily with state representatives and senators from the Greater Birmingham region, with an additional emphasis of outreach to Republican and Democratic leadership in the House, Senate, and Office of the Governor. In total, students will participate in coordinated meetings with over 60 elected officials statewide throughout the course of the day.

A detailed agenda has been attached. All events are open to all citizens and students statewide. To arrange for free transportation from your location or to accompany students in their meetings, contact us at [casealabama@gmail.com](mailto:casealabama@gmail.com) or 334.318.6151.

**A press conference** will be hosted at 10 AM – 11 AM at the Capitol steps. Republican and Democratic leaders from the Legislature have been invited to commend student constituents for their work with state water policy development and outreach. Speakers will present economic concerns over drinking water quality and quantity alongside their constituents in the Greater Birmingham area.

**DATE:** April 9<sup>th</sup>

**TIME:** 10 AM (With events lasting until 3 PM)

**LOCATION:** Front Steps, Alabama State Capitol, 600 Dexter Ave, Montgomery, AL

As the state's most densely populated area and home to Alabama's largest employer, UAB Health Systems, students believe that a strong focus of study is needed on Greater Birmingham in order to determine whether or not **quantity of drinking water sources will limit the region's potential for future economic growth.**

Additionally, public reports received from the Alabama Department of Environmental Management reveal that **over 295 million gallons of raw, untreated human sewage** spilled into the Cahaba and Black Warrior Rivers in the past 10 years. Both rivers serve as the source of drinking water for many communities in Jefferson, Shelby, and other counties in the state.

Students will represent CASE as well as their respective schools: Indian Springs School, University of Alabama, UAB, UAH, Auburn University, Jacksonville State University, University of Montevallo, Birmingham-Southern College, and Samford University.

**CASE** is an 8-campus coalition of student and citizen grassroots organizations united to support Alabama's economy, environment, and public health through sustainable policy change and infrastructure development. **CASE** members work individually and collectively with public, private, and non-profit organizations to achieve legitimately beneficial compromises to environmental justice and natural resource conservation issues within Alabama communities.