

Rejoinder from Esther Calhoun, one of the founders and a former president of Black Belt Citizens Fighting for Health and Justice

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Business & Human Rights Resource Centre invited Esther Calhoun to respond to Green Group Holdings' response to the inclusion of a lawsuit the company previously filed in a database of cases that bear the hallmarks of strategic lawsuits against public participation.

Esther Calhoun send the following response:

“When we learned that millions of tons of coal ash from Tennessee would be disposed of in a local landfill, we organized and spoke out about the health and environmental risks for our community.

These types of projects often happen in poor, Black, and uneducated communities. In Uniontown, 90% of residents are Black and the poverty rate is around 48%. We deserve to have clean water, clean air, and to enjoy our everyday lives. At Black Belt Citizens Fighting for Health and Justice, we stood together for what was right and exercised our right to freedom of speech to protect our community.”