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### CONGRESSMAN ARTUR DAVIS ANNOUNCES ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE POLICY WORKING GROUP

**Birmingham** – Seventh District Congressman Artur Davis today announced that his Environmental Justice Policy Working Group (EJ-PWG) has been assembled. The EJ-PWG has been assembled to provide Congressman Davis with a balanced perspective on environmental justice concerns and includes professionals representing the academic community, the environmental advocacy community and industry practitioners from across the district and the state of Alabama.

This group of advisors will also function as policy advisors to Congressman Davis and will help implement environmental-related initiatives within the Seventh Congressional District. Chief among their immediate priorities will be to aid in the implementation of Davis' Sustainable Development Summit which is to be convened in October 2004.

"My goal has been to create a pool of experts and professionals who can sit in the same room and formulate practical solutions related to environmental issues. I believe that this working group is diverse and will provide an array of perspectives that can help forge consensus on environmental issues."

Davis' Environmental Justice Policy Working Group is comprised of the following members:

**Dr. Bill Andreen** – Professor, Environmental Law, International Environmental Law and Administrative Law, University of Alabama School of Law; Chair, Environmental Law Section of the Association of American Law Schools; President, Alabama Rivers Alliance; Member, Environmental Law Commission of the World Conservation Union (IUCN)

**Dr. Mabel Anderson** – Executive Director of Village Creek Environmental Justice Society

**Dr. Conner Bailey** – Professor, Rural Sociology, Auburn University

**Lynn Battle** – Director, Citizens for Lead Education & Poisoning Prevention; Founding Member, Leadership Caucus of the Alabama African American Environmental Justice Action Network; Founder, CLEPP

**Phillis Belcher** – Executive Director of Greene County Industrial Board; Member, Initiative 7 Board of Directors; Member, Economic Development Association of Alabama; Member, Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway Development Council; Member, Eutaw Area Chamber of Commerce; Board Member and Graduate, Leadership Alabama (Class VII graduate).