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Dear Senator Ben Cardin,

Harford County Climate Action is extremely concerned about the people living in the submergence zone of the Sardar Sarovar project in the Narmada Valley of India who face the threat of displacement without rehabilitation in the upcoming monsoon. If there is anything you can do about this situation, it would be very much appreciated.

The Supreme Court of India, while ordering the government to provide rehabilitation, has at the same time ordered the people to leave their homes by July 31 2017 whether or not they are able to secure alternative land by that date. For more than thirty years, the people of the Narmada Valley have worked to defend the land, water, forest and wildlife for unsustainable development and exploitation of resources for private gain. Rather than threatening these people with forced eviction, homelessness and landlessness, we should learn from their sustainable ways of living that we need in the world today.

We urge the government of India to place people before projects, prevent forced eviction, and keep the gates of the Sardar Sarovar Dam open until all affected families are fully rehabilitated.

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