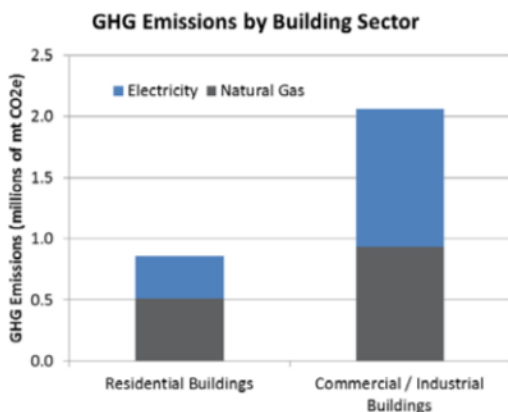


“We are people from the countryside in Ecuador, and when I was young it was a fertile place. But then the droughts began, and the land didn’t produce anymore. As people who lived on what we took from the earth, we had to leave. We were not alone, millions of people from the areas near my village left too, in one of the biggest migrations ever out of South America. Now I clean buildings that are some of the biggest polluters in Minnesota, which furthers the same problem that made me immigrate. This must be addressed. I think if we win green cleaning, we can send a message.”

Elsa, a janitor at ABM who cleans United Health Group.



SEIU Local 26 is a union representing over 8000 service workers who clean and protect most of the major corporations in the Twin cities. **These commercial office towers are the cause of 71% of Greenhouse Gas pollution** in MN that come from buildings.

Our members are uniquely positioned to lead the change we all need, in helping to convert to clean energy in this especially important sector. Top down policies won’t work if the people who will be responsible for implementing these changes on a day to day basis, like janitors, don’t have a voice.

More than 40% of our members say we or our families have been impacted by climate change. That is why we are proposing the following :

Building Owners Need to listen to the voice of Elsa, and the thousands of janitors in the twin cities who keep their buildings clean. We are asking for:

- **Training Program** (Green Technicians expand use of non-toxic green chemicals, recycling, and reducing carbon footprint)
- **Create a Table** with building owners, Janitors and Community groups focused on bold solutions to reduce carbon and waste.



Rally for a healthy planet for our kids & a fair contract: Tuesday, January 21, 11:45am, at Hennepin County Government Center