

July 29, 2022

The Honorable Joseph R. Biden Jr.
President
1600 Pennsylvania Ave, N.W.
Washington, DC 20001

The Honorable Chuck Schumer
Senate Majority Leader
Room S-221, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: Hold the line against fossil fuel expansion

Dear President Biden and Majority Leader Schumer,

As frontline communities and organizations with millions of members and supporters, we thank you for your tireless efforts to secure a climate deal with meaningful renewable energy investments. At the same time, we respectfully urge you to reject any handouts to the fossil fuel industry. Put simply: you cannot address the climate emergency by sacrificing communities, expanding fossil fuel production and embracing fossil fuel industry scams like carbon capture, fossil fuel hydrogen, and carbon offsets.

Any approval of new fossil fuel projects or fast-tracking of fossil fuel permitting is incompatible with climate leadership. Oil, gas and coal production are the core drivers of the climate and extinction crises. There can be no new fossil fuel leases, exports, or infrastructure if we have any hope of preventing ever-worsening climate crises, catastrophic floods, deadly wildfires, and more—all of which are ripping across the country as we speak. We are out of time. Therefore, we're calling on you to fulfill your promise to lead on climate, starting with denying approvals for the Mountain Valley Pipeline, rejecting all new federal fossil fuel leases onshore, in the Gulf of Mexico, in Alaska, and everywhere else, and preventing any fast-tracked permits for fossil fuel projects.

Permitting new fossil fuel projects will further entrench us in a fossil fuel economy for decades to come – and constitutes a violent betrayal of your pledge to combat environmental racism and destruction. Today's high gasoline and energy prices cannot be solved with promises of future oil and gas production. Climate chaos harms every person in America, but our communities bear the brunt of the deadly impacts of the toxic fossil fuel industry: primarily Indigenous, Black, Latinx, AAPI and other communities of color, as well as low-wealth communities. Young people, women, and so many others that turned out to elect you and gave you your mandate to govern need climate hope, not climate setbacks. New fossil fuel projects will also lock workers into a dying industry and delay the growth in sectors that will support jobs of the future.

Critically, none of these negotiations affect the need for President Biden to immediately declare a climate emergency and use his existing authority to reject fossil fuel projects. Declaring a

climate emergency will unlock President Biden’s full set of powers to not only release Defense funding to build renewable and just energy systems, but also confront fossil fuels head-on by stopping crude oil exports. With non-emergency powers, President Biden can reject new oil and gas leases, and deny all fossil fuel infrastructure that harms countless communities across the country. Unleashing executive powers should be pursued in concert with—and not instead of—passing critical climate legislation, and vice versa.

We respectfully implore you to hold the line against any new fossil fuel projects, reject handouts to oil and gas companies, and use every tool available to advance a truly just, renewable energy future that does not sacrifice our communities.

Sincerely,

1. A Community Voice
2. Act for the Earth of Unity Church Unitarian
3. Action for the Climate Emergency (ACE)
4. Active San Gabriel Valley
5. AFGE Local 704
6. Alabama Interfaith Power & Light
7. All Our Energy
8. Allamakee County Protectors - Education Campaign
9. Alliance for a Green Economy
10. Alliance for Affordable Energy
11. Amazon Watch
12. American Friends Service Committee
13. American Jewish World Service
14. Animals Are Sentient Beings Inc
15. Anthropocene Alliance
16. Association of Young Americans (AYA)
17. Azul
18. Ban Single Use Plastics
19. Beacon UU Congregation in Summit
20. Bergen County Immigration Strategy Group
21. Berks Gas Truth
22. Between the Waters
23. Beyond Extreme Energy
24. Beyond Plastics
25. Big Reuse
26. Black Millennials 4 Flint
27. Black Warrior Riverkeeper
28. Bold Alliance
29. Breast Cancer Action
30. Bronx Greens/Green Party of NY
31. Bronx Jews for Climate Action
32. California Communities Against Toxics

33. Californians for Western Wilderness
34. Carrizo Comecrudo Tribal Nation of Texas
35. CASE
36. Center for Biological Diversity
37. Center for International Environmental Law
38. Central Jersey Coalition Against Endless War
39. CERBAT
40. Change Begins With ME (Indivisible)
41. Chapel Hill Organization for Clean Energy
42. Cheyenne River Grassroots Collective
43. Chicago Area Peace Action (CAPA)
44. Christians For The Mountains
45. Church Women United in New York State
46. Citizens Action Coalition of IN
47. Citizens Awareness Network
48. Citizens' Resistance at Fermi Two (CRAFT)
49. Clean Air Coalition of Albany County
50. Clean Energy Action
51. Climate and Community Project
52. Climate Hawks Vote
53. Climate Justice Alliance
54. ClimateMama
55. Coal River Mountain Watch
56. Coalition Against Death Alley
57. Coalition Against Pilgrim Pipeline - NJ
58. Coalition for Outreach, Policy & Education
59. Code Red Hudson Highlands
60. CODEPINK
61. CODEPINK Golden Gate Chapter
62. Colorado Dem. Party - Energy and Environment Initiative
63. Common Ground Relief
64. Common Ground Rising
65. Community for Sustainable Energy
66. Community Health
67. Community Of Living Traditions, Inc.
68. Concerned Citizens of Charles City County
69. Concerned Health Professionals of New York
70. Concerned Health Professionals of Pennsylvania
71. Crockett Rodeo United to Defend the Environment
72. CURE (Clean Up the River Environment)
73. Dayenu: A Jewish Call to Climate Action
74. DC Environmental Network
75. Democracy Out Loud
76. Democratic Socialists of America -Knoxville TN
77. Des Moines County Farmers and Neighbors for Optimal Health

78. Direct Action Everywhere
79. Don't Gas the Meadowlands Coalition
80. Earth Care Alliance, Sonoma Valley
81. Earth Ethics, Inc.
82. Earthworks
83. East Bay Community Solar Project
84. East End Action Network.
85. Eco-Eating
86. Ecoaction Committee of the Green Party of the United States
87. EcoPoetry.org
88. Eight Rivers Council
89. Elders Climate Action
90. Elders Climate Action - Arizona Chapter
91. Elders Climate Action FL Chapter
92. Elmirans & Friends Against Fracking
93. Emerson Unitarian Universalist Church
94. Empower Our Future
95. Endangered Species Coalition
96. Environmental Concerns Committee, Kendal at Oberlin
97. EnvironmentalLEE
98. EOF
99. Extinction Rebellion Austin
100. Extinction Rebellion Delaware
101. Extinction Rebellion San Francisco Bay Area
102. Extinction Rebellion Seattle
103. FACTS- Families Advocating for Chemical and Toxics Safety
104. Fairbanks Climate Action Coalition
105. Farmworker Association of Florida
106. Feminists in Action Los Angeles
107. Fieldstones
108. First Unitarian Universalist Church of Austin Social Action Committee
109. First Wednesdays San Leandro
110. Florida Springs Council
111. Florida Student Power Network
112. Food & Water Watch
113. Fossil Free Tompkins
114. Fox Valley Citizens for Peace & Justice
115. FracTracker Alliance
116. Fridays for Future U.S.
117. Friends of the Earth
118. George Mason University Center for Climate Change Communication
119. Georgia Conservation Voters
120. Global Development and Environment Institute
121. Global Zero
122. Good Neighbor Steering Committee of Benicia

123. Grassroots Global Justice Alliance
124. Greater Highland Area Concerned Citizens
125. Greater New Orleans Climate Reality Project
126. Greater New Orleans Housing Alliance
127. Greater New Orleans Interfaith Climate Coalition
128. Green Education and Legal Fund
129. Green Party of Nassau County
130. Green Party of Onondaga County
131. Green Sanctuary Committee of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Palo Alto
132. Green State Solutions
133. GreenFaith
134. GreenLatinos
135. Greenpeace USA
136. Greenvest
137. Hair on Fire Oregon
138. Healthy Gulf
139. Healthy Ocean Coalition
140. Heartwood
141. Hells Kitchen Democrats
142. Honor the Earth
143. Humboldt Unitarian Universalist Fellowship's Climate Action Campaign
144. Ikiya Collective
145. Inclusive Louisiana
146. Indigenous Environmental Network
147. Indigenous Lifeways
148. Indivisible Howard County MD
149. Indivisible San Jose
150. Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy
151. Institute for Policy Studies Climate Policy Program
152. Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary
153. Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Loreto Generalate
154. Integrated Community Solutions, Inc
155. Interfaith EarthKeepers
156. International Student Environmental Coalition
157. Intheshadowofthewolf
158. Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement
159. Ironbound Community Corporation
160. John Muir Project of Earth Island Institute
161. Just Transition Alliance
162. Kickapoo Peace Circle
163. KyotoUSA
164. La Mesa Boricua de Florida
165. Larimer Alliance for Health, Safety and Environment
166. Lisa Hecht & Associates, LLC
167. Livelihoods Knowledge Exchange Network (LiKEN)

168. Locust Point Community Garden
169. Long Island Activists
170. Long Island Network for Change
171. Los Padres ForestWatch
172. Louisiana League of Conscious Voters
173. Louisiana Progress
174. Marlborough Democratic Committee
175. Maryland Ornithological Society
176. Mazaska Talks
177. Media Alliance
178. Memphis Community Against Pollution (MCAP)
179. Mental Health & Inclusion Ministries
180. Michigan Environmental Justice Coalition
181. Mid-Missouri Peaceworks
182. Mid-Ohio Valley Climate Action
183. Milwaukee Riverkeeper
184. Mississippi Rising Coalition
185. MN Unitarian Universalist Social Justice Alliance
186. MN350
187. Montana Environmental Information Center
188. Mothers Out Front
189. Mountain Valley Watch
190. Movement Rights
191. Nassau County Democratic Socialists of America
192. Nassau Hiking & Outdoor Club
193. Native Movement
194. Nature Coast Conservation, Inc
195. NC WARN
196. NCEA
197. NDN Collective
198. NELA Climate Collective
199. New Energy Economy
200. New Paltz Climate Action Coalition
201. New World Believers
202. New York Communities for Change
203. Nicaragua Center for Community Action
204. North American Climate, Conservation and Environment
205. North Country Earth Action
206. North Country Light Brigade
207. Northeast Oregon Ecosystems
208. Novasutras
209. Nuclear Energy Information Service (NEIS)
210. Nuclear Information and Resource Service
211. Nurture The Children
212. NYCD16 Indivisible

213. NYPAN Greene/NYPAN Enviro
214. Occidental Arts and Ecology Center
215. Occupy Biden
216. Ohio Poor People's Campaign
217. Oil Change International
218. Organized Uplifting Strategies & Resources
219. Our Climate
220. Our Revolution
221. Our Revolution New Jersey
222. Pantsuit Nation Long Island
223. Paradise Las Vegas Indivisible
224. Pasifika Uprising
225. Pass the federal green new deal
226. Pax Christi USA, New Orleans/ Vets For Peace
227. Peace Action Wisconsin
228. Peace, Justice, Sustainability NOW
229. Pelican Media
230. Pennsylvania Council of Churches
231. People for a Healthy Environment
232. People Over Pipelines
233. Physicians for Social Responsibility
234. Physicians for Social Responsibility Pennsylvania
235. Plastic Pollution Coalition
236. Pollution Free Society
237. Port Arthur Community Action Network
238. Preserve Bent Mountain
239. Preserve Giles County
240. Preserve Monroe (WV)
241. Preserve Montgomery County VA
242. Progressive Democrats of Benicia (CA)
243. Property Rights and Pipeline Center
244. Protect All Children's Environment
245. Protect Our Commonwealth
246. Protect Our Water Heritage Rights (POWHR)
247. Protecting Our Waters
248. Pueblo Action Alliance
249. Putnam Progressives
250. Residents Allied for the Future of Tioga (RAFT)
251. Resist the Pipeline
252. RESTORE: The North Woods
253. ReThink Energy Florida, Inc.
254. Revolving Door Project
255. Rise St. James
256. Rivers & Mountains GreenFaith Circle
257. Rockaway Women for Progress

258. San Francisco Bay Physicians for Social Responsibility
259. Santa Barbara Urban Creeks Council
260. Santa Clara Sunrise
261. Santa Fe Green Chamber of Commerce
262. SAVE THE FROGS!
263. Save the Pine bush
264. SaveRGV
265. Scientist Rebellion
266. Scientist Rebellion, Turtle Island
267. Seneca Lake Guardian
268. Sheffield Saves
269. Shelby County Lead Prevention & Sustainability Commission
270. Sisters of St. Dominic of Blauvelt, New York
271. Sisters of St. Joseph of Rochester Justice & Peace Office
272. Social Justice Ministry of Live Oak Unitarian Universalist Congregation
273. Society of Fearless Grandmothers
274. Society of Native Nations
275. Solar Wind Works
276. South Asian Fund For Education Scholarship and Training Inc
277. South Shore Audubon Society
278. SouthEnd Charlton-Pollard GHCA
279. Southwest Organizing Project
280. Sowing Justice
281. Stop the Algonquin Pipeline Expansion
282. Suffolk Progressives
283. Sullivan Alliance for Sustainable Development
284. Summers County Residents Against the Pipeline
285. Sunrise Movement
286. Sunrise Movement Houston
287. Sunrise New Orleans
288. Sunrise NYC
289. Sunrise San Diego
290. Susanne Moser Research & Consulting
291. Sustainable Arizona
292. Sustainable Mill Valley
293. Syracuse Cultural Workers
294. Syracuse Peace Council
295. Tapestry UU Church of Houston
296. Taproot Earth
297. Terra Advocati
298. Texas Campaign for the Environment
299. Texas Climate Emergency
300. Texas Grassroots Network
301. Texas Permian For Future Generations
302. The CLEO Institute

303. The Climate Mobilization
304. The Consortia
305. The Last Plastic Straw
306. The People's Justice Council
307. The Shalom Center
308. The Shame Free Zone
309. Third Act Virginia
310. Thomas Berry Forum for Ecological Dialogue at Iona University
311. Thrive at Life: Working Solutions
312. TIAA-DIVEST!
313. Together We Will Long Island
314. tUrn Climate Crisis Awareness and Action
315. Turtle Island Restoration Network
316. Ulster Activists
317. Unitarian Universalist Action of New Hampshire
318. Unitarian Universalist Association
319. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley
320. Unitarian Universalist Church of the Brazos Valley
321. Unitarian Universalist Service Committee
322. Unitarian Universalists for a Just Economic Community
323. Unitarian Universalists for Social Justice
324. Unite North Metro Denver
325. United Native Americans
326. United Women in Faith
327. Uranium Watch
328. Urban Ocean Lab
329. UU Fellowship of Corvallis Climate Action Team
330. UUFHCT
331. ValuesAdvisor
332. Veterans for Climate Justice
333. vfp#35
334. Virginia Pipeline Resisters
335. Vote Climate
336. Wall of Women
337. Warehouse Workers for Justice
338. Water is Life Walks & Nurture The Children
339. Waterspirit
340. Waterway Advocates
341. West Dryden Residents Against the Pipeline
342. WildEarth Guardians
343. WILPF
344. Wisconsin Health Professionals for Climate Action
345. Women's Earth and Climate Action Network
346. Women's International League for Peace and Freedom-Triangle Branch
347. WV Mountain PaRTY

348. Youth Vs Apocalypse
349. Zero Hour
350. IL Green New Deal
351. 1000 Grandmothers for Future Generations
352. 198 methods
353. 350 Bay Area
354. 350 Bay Area Action
355. 350 Colorado
356. 350 Conejo / San Fernando Valley
357. 350 Eugene
358. 350 Mass
359. 350 New Hampshire
360. 350 New Orleans
361. 350 Santa Barbara
362. 350 Seattle
363. 350 Silicon Valley
364. 350 Tacoma
365. 350 Triangle
366. 350 Wisconsin
367. 350.org
368. 350NYC
369. 7 Directions of Service