June 29, 2021

Dear Speaker Pelosi and Leader Schumer,

We, the undersigned organizations, write to urge your support for the elimination of fossil fuel subsidies and other giveaways in any infrastructure, economic recovery, and/or reconciliation legislative package.

We appreciate your past and ongoing support on this crucial issue. In 2011, you rose on the floors of the House of Representatives and Senate in support of eliminating a raft of fossil fuel subsidies enshrined in federal law.¹ These important speeches highlighted the injustice and destructiveness of these giveaways to an industry responsible for the destruction of communities, nature, and climate. As you noted, fossil fuels are outdated energy sources that produce enormous levels of pollution that harm our communities, natural areas, and climate. These impacts fall hardest on historically marginalized communities, including Black and Indigenous communities in particular.

Ten years later, climate impacts are mounting but more than $15 billion in annual wasteful and destructive federal giveaways to the fossil fuel industry remain on the books. These subsidies have persisted despite numerous calls for their elimination, including the international commitments of our government and strong recent calls from President Joe Biden, as expressed repeatedly over the last two years and most recently in his FY2022 budget proposal. In fact, the set of subsidy repeals the President has proposed are alone estimated at $121 billion of tax expenditures over the next ten years.

It is past time to remove the burden of dirty energy support from the public and instead turn the efforts of the government to supporting clean energy and the jobs it generates. Action taken now will help us protect our climate, promote a more equitable, clean energy economy for America, and strengthen international leadership.

As you know, public dollars continue to flow to fossil fuel companies in many ways, including but not limited to:

- Special giveaways that exempt oil and gas companies from paying taxes on much of their foreign income and allow inappropriate deductions for fossil fuel development, exploration, and production costs.
- Research and development tax credits that encourage expansion of fossil fuel infrastructure.
- Lax financial requirements for cleanup of oil and gas wells that leave the public with the bill (if the wells get cleaned up at all).

¹ "It’s long past time to turn off the spigot of public funds flowing to Big Oil… So I rise to ask my colleagues today: should the American taxpayers continue to subsidize Big Oil’s profits?” – Speaker Nancy Pelosi, on the floor of the House of Representatives, in support of a procedural motion to allow the consideration of H.R. 1689, the Big Oil Welfare Repeal Act of 2011

"You don't have to worry about [the fossil fuel industry's] desire to explore. They are looking every place they can. They don't have to have a subsidy to do it…So the time to repeal these giveaways is now.” – Leader Chuck Schumer, Congressional Record Volume 157, Number 63 (Tuesday, May 10, 2011)
• Below-market leasing rates, royalties, and fees that encourage further oil and gas development and exploit our public lands.

In keeping with your support for ending these antiquated and wasteful measures, we urge you to advocate for the elimination of fossil fuel subsidies and giveaways in any legislative package so that they no longer undermine the just transition to clean energy jobs and infrastructure that we need for our future.

Sincerely,

Adorers of the Blood of Christ, U.S. Region – National
Adrian Dominican Sisters – Michigan
Advocates for the Environment – California
Advocates for Springfield – New York
Affordable Beauty: Photo Collage, Photography, Poetry – New York
Alabama Interfaith Power & Light – Alabama
Alaska Community Action on Toxics – Alaska
Alliance for Climate Education – National
Alliance to Protect Our People & the Places We Live – North Carolina
Alliance for the Wild Rockies – Northern Rocky Mountains
Alpha Epsilon Lambda – National
American Family Voices – National
American Federation of Government Employees Local 704 – Great Lakes
American Public Health Association – National
American Sustainable Business Council – National
Andrew Weil Center for Integrative Medicine at University of Arizona – Arizona
Animals Are Sentient Beings – National
Anthropocene Alliance – National
Appraccel – California
Arm in Arm – National
ART NOT WAR – National
Ashfield Alliance – Massachusetts
Atchafalaya Basinkeeper – Louisiana
Aytzim: Ecological Judaism – National
Azul – National
Balance & Accuracy in Journalism – North Carolina
Beloved Earth Community of The Riverside Church – New York
Benedictine University Faculty – Illinois
Berks Gas Truth – Pennsylvania
Better Path Coalition – Pennsylvania
Beyond Extreme Energy – National
Big Reuse – New York
Blue Future – National
Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League – Alabama / Georgia / North Carolina / South Carolina / Tennessee / Virginia
Bold Alliance – National
The Borneo Project – California
Breach Collective – Pacific Northwest / National
Breast Cancer Prevention Partners – National
Breathe Project – Pennsylvania
Bronx Climate Justice North – New York
Bronx Jews for Climate Action – New York
Bucks Environmental Action – Pennsylvania
Build A Movement 2022 – National
Businesses for a Livable Climate – National
California Businesses for a Livable Climate – California
California Democratic Party Environmental Caucus – California
California Democratic Party Progressive Caucus – California
California Environmental Justice Alliance – California
Call to Action Colorado – Colorado
Campus Climate Corps – Florida
Carolina Biodiesel – North Carolina
Cascadia Wildlands – Pacific Northwest
Catalyst Miami – Florida
Catskill Mountainkeeper – New York
Catholic Network US – National

Cedar Lane Unitarian Universalist Church
Environmental Justice Ministry – Maryland
Center for Biological Diversity – National
Center for the Blue Economy at Middlebury
Institute of International Studies – California
Center for Civic Policy – New Mexico
Center for a Competitive Waste Industry – National

Center for Environmentally Recycled Building Alternatives – Arizona / California
Center for International Environmental Law – National
Central Maryland Beekeepers Association – Maryland
CEO Pipe Organs – Wisconsin
Change the Chamber – National

Charleston Climate Coalition – South Carolina
Chautauqua-Conewango Consortium – New York / Pennsylvania
Cheyenne River Grassroots Collective – South Dakota
Chicago Area Peace Action – Illinois
Chicago Asian Americans for Environmental Justice – Illinois

Christian Council of Delmarva – Delaware
Church Women United in New York State – New York
Citizens Awareness Network – National
Citizens for Clean Air & Water in Brazoria County – Texas
Citizens' Resistance at Fermi Two – Michigan

Clean Energy Action – National
Clean Water Action – National
CLEO Institute – Florida
Climate Action Campaign of the Humboldt Unitarian Universalist Fellowship – California
Climate Action Group at Seattle Insight
Meditation Society – Washington

Climate Action Rhode Island / 350 Rhode Island – Rhode Island
Climate Action Team of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Corvallis – Oregon
Climate Advocates Voces Unidas – New Mexico
The Climate Center – California
Climate Crisis Policy – National

Climate Generation: A Will Steger Legacy – National
Climate Hawks Vote – National
Climate Health Now – California
The Climate Mobilization – National
Climate Reality Project Baja Arizona – Arizona
Climate Reality Project Bay Area – California
Climate Reality Project Chicago Metro – Illinois
Climate Reality Project Massachusetts Southcoast – Massachusetts
Coalition Against Pilgrim Pipeline – New Jersey
Coalition Against Pipelines – Texas

Coalition for Outreach, Policy, & Education – New York
Colorado Businesses for a Livable Climate – Colorado
Colorado Small Business Coalition – Colorado
Columbus Community Bill of Rights – Ohio
Communities for a Better Environment – California

Community Action Works Campaigns – Connecticut / Maine / Massachusetts / New Hampshire / Rhode Island / Vermont
Community Advocates for a Sustainable Environment – New York
| Community Power – Minnesota                      | The Earth Bill Network – National                |
| Compressor Free Franklin – New York              | Earth Day Initiative – National                 |
| Concerned Ohio River Residents – Ohio River Valley | Earth Day Network – National                   |
| Conejo Climate Coalition – California            | Earthjustice – National                        |
| Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd, U.S. Provinces – National | Earthkeeper Health Resources – National         |
| Congregation of Saint Joseph Peace & Justice Team – National | Earthworks – National                          |
| Congregation of Sisters of St. Agnes – Wisconsin | Ecoaction Committee of Green Party of the United States – National |
| Cooperative Energy Futures – Minnesota          | EcoEquity – California                         |
| Corporate Accountability – National             | EcoHealth Network – National                   |
| Corvallis Climate Action Alliance – Oregon       | Eco-Healthy Solutions – Georgia                 |
| Corvallis Interfaith Climate Justice Committee – Oregon | Eco-Logic – New York                          |
| Covenant Tribal Solar Initiative – National     | Eco-Poetry – National                          |
| Croatan Institute – National                    | Elders Climate Action – National               |
| Daily Acts – California                         | Electric Auto Association Central Coast         |
| Dayenu: A Jewish Call to Climate Action – National | California – California                     |
| DC Dorothy Day Catholic Worker – District of Columbia | Elgin Green Groups 350 – Illinois              |
| Defend Our Health – Maine                       | Empower Our Future – Colorado                  |
| Democratic Environmental Caucus of Florida      | Empowering Pacific Islander Communities – National |
| The Democracy Collaborative – National          | Endangered Habitats League – California        |
| DirtyGirlsAg – Florida                          | The Enviro Show – National                     |
| Divest New York – New York                      | Environeers – Pennsylvania                     |
| DNC Environment & Climate Crisis Council – National | Environment America – National               |
| Dogwood Alliance – Southeast                    | Environment Texas – Texas                      |
| Dominican Sisters of Sinsinawa – National       | Environmental Defense Center – California      |
| Dominican Sisters of Sparkill – New York        | Environmental Integrity Project – National     |
| Don't Gas the Meadowlands Coalition – New Jersey | Environmental Transformation Movement of Flint – Michigan |
| Don't Waste Arizona – Arizona                   | Environmental Working Group – National         |
| Drawdown Bay Area – California                  | Escambia County Democratic Environmental Caucus – Florida |
| Earth Action – Gulf South                       | Evergreen Action – National                    |
| Earth Day Initiative – National                 | Extinction Rebellion New Orleans – Louisiana   |
| Earth Day Network – National                    | Extinction Rebellion San Francisco Bay Area – California |
Faithful America – National
Fairbanks Climate Action Coalition – Alaska
Fayetteville Police Accountability Community Taskforce – North Carolina

Florida Student Power Network – Florida
Food & Water Watch – National
Fossil Free California – California
Fossil Free Tompkins – New York
Fossil Fuel Divest Harvard – Massachusetts

Fox Valley Citizens for Peace & Justice – Illinois
FracTracker Alliance – National
Franciscan Action Network – National
The Freedom BLOC – Ohio
FreshWater Accountability Project – Ohio

Fresnans Against Fracking – California
Fridays For Future USA – National
Friends Committee on National Legislation – National
Friends of the Earth U.S. – National
Friends of Public Banking Santa Rosa – California

Frontera Water Protection Alliance – Texas
Future Coalition – National
The Future Left – California
Gas Free Seneca – New York
Georgia Conservation Voters – Georgia

Georgia Interfaith Power & Light – Georgia
Georgia STAND-UP – Georgia
Giniw Collective – Minnesota
Glades County Democratic Environmental Caucus – Florida
Glades County Democratic Executive Committee – Florida

Global Climate & Health Alliance – National
Global Consortium on Climate & Health
Education at Columbia University – National

Global Observatory on Pollution & Health at Boston College – Massachusetts
Global Witness – National
Golden Ponds Farm – Wisconsin

Grassroots Central Mass – Massachusetts
Grassroots Global Justice Alliance – National
Great Old Broads for Wilderness – National
Greater-Birmingham Alliance to Stop Pollution – Alabama
Greater Highland Area Concerned Citizens – Illinois

The Greater Prince William Climate Action Network – Virginia
The Green House Connection Center – Colorado
Green Neighbor Challenge – National
Green New Deal Network – National
Green Sanctuary of Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Binghamton – New York

Green Sanctuary of Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva – Illinois
Green Workers Alliance – National
Greenbelt Climate Action Network / 350 Greenbelt – Maryland
GreenFaith – National
GreenLatinos – National

Greenpeace USA – National
Greenvest – National
Grey Nuns of the Sacred Heart
Guernsey County Citizens Support on Drilling Issues – Ohio
Gulf Coast Center for Law & Policy – Gulf Coast

Health Care Without Harm – National
Health Professionals for a Healthy Climate – Minnesota
HealthLink – Massachusetts
Healthy Gulf – Gulf of Mexico
Heartwood – National
Hendry County Democratic Environmental Caucus – Florida
Holy Spirit Missionary Sisters USA Justice, Peace, & Integrity of Creation Committee – National
Honeydew Energy Advisors – District of Columbia
Hudson River Sloop Clearwater – New York
Human Impact Partners – National

Huntington Breast Cancer Action Coalition – New York
Idle No More San Francisco Bay – California
In the Shadow of the Wolf – National
Indian Point Safe Energy Coalition – New York
Indigenous Environmental Network – National

Indivisible – National
Indivisible Nation BK – New York
Inland Ocean Coalition – Colorado
Institute on Taxation & Economic Policy – National
Institute for Policy Studies Inequality Program – National

Institute for Agriculture & Trade Policy – Minnesota
Intercommunity Peace & Justice Center – Washington
Interfaith Earthkeepers Eugene & Springfield – Oregon
Interfaith Moral Action on Climate – National
Interfaith Oceans – National

International Indigenous Youth Council Los Angeles – California
International Marine Mammal Project – National
Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement – Iowa
Islamic Circle of North America Council for Social Justice – National
Jewish Climate Action Network – Massachusetts

Jewish Climate Action Network NYC – New York
John Muir Project – National
Justice Committee of The Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet Albany Province – New York
Kissimmee Waterkeeper – Florida
Kitsap Unitarian Universalist Fellowship – Washington

Labor Network for Sustainability – National
LaPlaca & Associates – North Carolina
Leadership Conference of Women Religious – National
League of Conservation Voters – National
LITE Initiatives – California

Little Sprouts Preschool – Washington
Local Environmental Action Demanded Agency – Oklahoma
Longmeadow Pipeline Awareness Group – Massachusetts
Love Wild Horses – National
MADRE – National

Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns – National
Martin County Democratic Environmental Caucus – Florida
Massachusetts Jobs with Justice – Massachusetts
Maternal & Child Health Access – California
Mazaska Talks – Washington

Mercury Policy Project – National
Metro NY Catholic Climate Movement – New York
Michigan Climate Action Network – Michigan
Michigan Environmental Justice Coalition – Michigan
Mid-Atlantic Invasive Plant Council – Maryland
Mid-Missouri Peaceworks – Missouri

Milwaukee Riverkeeper – Wisconsin
MIT Divest – Massachusetts
Mothers & Others for Clean Air – Alabama / Arkansas / Florida / Georgia / Louisiana / Mississippi / North Carolina / South Carolina / Virginia / Tennessee
Mothers Out Front – National

Mothers Out Front Long Island – New York
Mothers Out Front Tompkins – New York
Mountain Progressives Frazier Park – California
Napa Climate NOW! – California
National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd – Maryland

National Religious Coalition on Creation Care – National
Natural Resources Defense Council – National
Nature Coast Conservation – Florida
NC WARN – North Carolina
NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice – National

New Energy Economy – New Mexico
New Jersey State Industrial Union Council – New Jersey
New Mexico Climate Justice – New Mexico
New York Climate Advocates – New York
New York Communities for Change – New York

New York Lawyers for the Public Interest – New York
New York / New Jersey Environmental Watch – New Jersey / New York
New Yorkers for Clean Power – New York
Newark Water Coalition – New Jersey
NJ-08 for Progress – New Jersey

North American Climate, Conservation & Environment – New York
North Bronx Racial Justice – New York
North Country Earth Action – New York
North Georgia Conservation Coalition – Georgia
North Range Concerned Citizens – Colorado

Northern California Recycling Association – California
Northern Michigan Environmental Action Council – Michigan
Northwest Detroiterst for Social Justice – Michigan

Nuclear Energy Information Service – Illinois

NYC H2O – New York
NYC Safe Energy Campaign – New York
Occupy Bergen County – New Jersey
Ocean Conservancy – National
Ocean Conservation Research – National
Oceana – National

Oceanic Preservation Society – National
Ohio Valley Environmental Coalition – West Virginia
Oil & Gas Action Network – National
Oil Change International – National
Oregon Democratic Party Environmental Caucus – Oregon

Our Climate Education Fund – National
Our Revolution – National
Our Revolution Greenville – South Carolina
Our Revolution Hawaii – Hawaii
Our Revolution Howard County – Maryland

Our Revolution Michigan – Michigan
Our Revolution Minnesota – Minnesota
Our Revolution Montgomery County – Maryland
Our Revolution New Jersey – New Jersey
Our Revolution South Carolina – South Carolina

Oxfam America – National
Pacific Environment – National
Los Padres ForestWatch – California
Palm Beach County Democratic Environmental Caucus – Florida
Pass the Federal Green New Deal Coalition – Washington
Peace Action Wisconsin – Wisconsin
Pennsylvania Council of Churches – Pennsylvania
People of Albany United for Safe Energy – New York
People Demanding Action – National
The People's Justice Council – Alabama
People's Party – National
Peoples Climate Movement New York – New York
Pesticide Action Network – National
Phil Berrigan Memorial Chapter Veterans For Peace – Maryland
Physicians Against Red Meat – California
Physicians for Social Responsibility – National
Physicians for Social Responsibility Arizona – Arizona
Physicians for Social Responsibility Pennsylvania – Pennsylvania
Pivot Point – Washington
Progressive Democrats of America – National
Progressive Democrats of America Central Florida – Florida
Progressive Democrats of America Tucson – Arizona
Progressive Democrats of Howard County – Maryland
Project CoffeeHouse – Pennsylvania
Project Eleven Hundred – Utah
Property Rights & Pipeline Center – National
Public Citizen – National
Public Goods Institute – National
Public Justice Center – Maryland
Publish What You Pay United States – National
Puget Sound Advocates for Retirement Action – Washington
Rachel Carson Council – National
Rainforest Action Network – National
Rapid Shift Network – National
RedTailed Hawk Collective – North Carolina
Redwood Coast Land Conservancy – California
Reedsburg Area Concerned Citizens – Wisconsin
Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary Western American Area – California
Resource Renewal Institute – California
Responsible Drilling Alliance – Pennsylvania
Revolution Coalition – National
Rio Grande Valley Great Old Broads for Wilderness – New Mexico
River Guardian Foundation – North Carolina
Rockland Citizens Action Network – New York
Rogue Climate – Oregon
RootsAction – National
Safe Energy Rights Group – New York
Safe Skies Maryland – Maryland
Safer States – National
San Antonio Bay Estuarine Waterkeeper – Texas
San Diego 350 – California
San Francisco Bay Physicians for Social Responsibility – California
San Luis Obispo Mothers for Peace – California
Santa Barbara Standing Rock Coalition – California
Santa Barbara Urban Creeks Council – California
Santa Cruz Climate Action Network – Local
Santa Rosa Junior College – California
Save the Frogs! – California
Save Our Illinois Land – Illinois
Save the Pine Bush – New York
Save RGV – Texas
School Sisters of Notre Dame Central Pacific Province Shalom Office – National
Science & Environmental Health Network – National
Seeding Sovereignty – National
U.S. Public Interest Research Group – National
Utah Valley Earth Forum – Utah
Vermont Conservation Voters – Vermont
Vermont Yankee Decommissioning Alliance – Vermont
Veterans For Peace Linus Pauling Chapter 132 – Oregon
Voices for Progress – National

Wall of Women Colorado – Colorado
Wasatch Clean Air Coalition – Utah
Water & Air Team Charlevoix – Michigan
We Want Green Too! – Michigan

The Wei – New Jersey
Westchester People's Action Coalition Foundation – New York
Western Environmental Law Center – Western United States
Western New York Environmental Alliance – New York
Wheaton Franciscans Justice, Peace, & Integrity of Creation Office – Illinois

Wild Montana – Montana
Wild Nature Institute – National
The Wilderness Society – National
Women's Earth & Climate Action Network – National
Women’s International League for Peace & Freedom – National

Women’s March Ann Arbor – Michigan
Women’s Voices for the Earth – National
Youth Vs Apocalypse – California
Zero Hour – National
198 methods – National

350 Bay Area Action – California
350 Brooklyn – New York
350 Butte County – California

350 Central Mass – Massachusetts
350 Charlotte – North Carolina
350 Colorado – Colorado
350 Conejo / San Fernando Valley – California
350 Corvallis – Oregon
350 Eastside – Washington
350 Eugene – Oregon
350 Everett – Washington
350 Fairfax – Virginia
350 Hawaii – Hawaii
350 Humboldt – California
350 Juneau – Alaska
350 Kishwaukee – Illinois
350 Lake Norman – North Carolina
350 Maine – Maine
350 Massachusetts – Massachusetts
350 Massachusetts Metro North Node – Massachusetts
350 Montana – Montana
350 New Hampshire – New Hampshire
350 New Hampshire Action – New Hampshire
350 New Orleans – Louisiana
350 NYC – New York
350 PDX – Oregon
350 Pensacola – Florida
350 Petaluma – California
350 Seattle – Washington
350 Silicon Valley – California
350 Sonoma – California
350 Spokane – Washington
350 Triangle – North Carolina
350 Ventura County Climate Hub – California
350 West Sound Climate Action – Washington
350.org – National
1000 Grandmothers for Future Generations – California
48217 Southwest Detroit – Michigan