

**Organizational Sign-on Letter Opposing Senate Bill 1460,
The Energy and Natural Resources Act of 2017**

Dear Majority Leader McConnell and Minority Leader Schumer,

As the Senate considers moving forward with S. 1460, The Energy and Natural Resources Act of 2017, on behalf of our members and supporters the undersigned organizations urge you not to move forward with this bill that would increase our dependence on fossil fuels and instead focus on transitioning our country to a clean energy economy.

We opposed the Energy Modernization of Act of 2015, and we will oppose any legislation in this Congress that mirrors the faults of that legislation. Like the Energy Modernization Act of 2015, this bill would lock in our dependence on fossil fuels for decades to come, directly undermining our country's efforts to stave off the worst effects of climate change. The science is clear: we can no longer pursue fossil fuel energy sources and must rapidly transition to a renewable energy system.

In light of the current administration's overt efforts to make it easier for the fossil fuel industry to pollute our air and water, it is more essential than ever that Congress resist efforts to increase fossil fuel production. No energy legislation is better than bad energy legislation that serves to increase our dependence on dirty fossil fuel production instead of advancing energy efficiency to reduce the amount of energy we utilize and building on successful policies to expand clean energy sources such as solar and wind.

In letters to you from hundreds of organizations across the country last Congress, we highlighted some of our top-line concerns with the legislation's approach, which we fear are being repeated in the current legislation:

- Expediting approval of LNG export terminals
- Expediting the review of new mining permits, and oil and gas permitting and drilling
- Making the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) the lead agency in federal authorizations for natural gas projects making all agencies conducting those authorizations give "deference" to FERC
- Expanding research and development for extracting methane hydrates

Expediting the build-out of fossil fuel infrastructure takes us in exactly the wrong direction at a time when we must urgently transition to the low-carbon economy. Building LNG export terminals leads to expanded hydraulic fracturing ("fracking") for natural gas across this country, which requires the development of new pipelines, new compressor stations, storage facilities and new export terminals. In addition, increased production of domestic natural gas will feed the construction of new natural gas-fired power plants. Encouraging investment in fossil fuel infrastructure makes it more difficult to transition away from the dirty fossil fuels that are

causing the climate catastrophe, rather than moving us towards a more sustainable energy future.

We find it astounding that any energy bill could contain a “Renewables” subtitle but does not include provisions on solar and wind energy.

Instead of pursuing more dirty energy Congress should pass legislation that promotes clean energy such as solar and wind. We must speed the transition to truly clean energy. Again, we urge you not to support S 1460 or any legislation that fails to guide our nation into a clean energy future.

Sincerely,

National Organizations

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| Food & Water Watch | League of Women Voters |
| Friends of the Earth | Native Organizers Alliance |
| Center for Biological Diversity | Nuclear Information and Resource Service |
| 198 methods | Ocean Conservation Research |
| 350.org | Oil Change International |
| ActionAid USA | Organic Consumers Association |
| Beyond Extreme Energy | Our Revolution |
| Beyond Nuclear | People Demanding Action |
| Center for Earth Ethics | People's Action Institute |
| Center for Sustainable Economy | Predator Defense |
| Climate Hawks Vote | Progressive Democrats of America |
| Committee of Women's International | Rachel Carson Council |
| League for Peace & Freedom - US Section | Rainforest Relief |
| CREDO | Stand.earth |
| Daily Kos | Surfrider Foundation |
| Elders Climate Action | The Center and Library for the Bible & Social Justice |
| Franciscan Action Network | Waterkeeper Alliance |
| Good Wolf | Women's International League for Peace & Freedom, US: Earth Democracy Committee |
| Great Old Broads for Wilderness | Working Families Party |
| Green America | |
| Institute for Policy Studies | |

Local, State and Regional

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350 Eugene
350 Loudoun
350 Salem OR
350 Seattle
350.org New Mexico (350NM)
350 Brooklyn
350 NYC
Advocates for Justice, St. Mary's Parish, Pompton Lakes, NJ
Advocates for Springfield, NY
All Our Energy
All Saints' Episcopal Church, Battlement Mesa, CO
Alliance for Democracy
Alliance for Democracy - Oregon
Already Devalued and Devastated Homowners of Parsippany
American Family Voices
American Indian Services
Animals Are Sentient Beings, Inc.
Aquamarine Studio
Assateague Coastal Trust
Athens County Fracking Action Network
Aytzim: Ecological Judaism
Bay Ridge Democrats
BeanCounters Unlimited
Berks Gas Truth
Berkshire Environmental Action Team (BEAT)
Bethlehem Ecodefense
Big Reuse
Birdsfoot Farm
Blauvelt Dominican Sisters
Brigada Cimarrona Sebastian Lemba
Bronx Climate Justice North
Bronx Progressives
Broome Tioga Green Party
CAPP NY
Carson Connected
Cascadia Wildlands
Catskill Mountainkeeper
CCAG
Central Park West CSA
CEO Pipe Organs/Golden Ponds Farm

Church Women United in New York State
Citizen Action of NY
Citizens Action Coalition
Citizens Awareness Network
Citizens for a Clean Pompton Lakes
Citizens for Local Power
Citizens United for Renewable Energy (CURE)
Clean Feet Investors I, LLC
Climate Action Coalition
Climate Action Southeast Iowa
Coalition Against Pilgrim Pipeline - New Jersey
Coalition Against the Pilgrim Pipeline - New York
Coalition for a Nuclear Free Great Lakes
Coalition For A Safe Environment
Coginchaug Area Transition
Columbia Riverkeeper
Columbus Community Bill of Rights
Common Ground Community Trust
Community Dreams
Community Free Democrats
Complete It Cuomo
Compressor Free Franklin
Concerned Burlington Neighbors
Concerned Families of Westchester
Concerned Health Professionals of New York
Concerned Residents of Oxford
Congregation of Notre Dame Office of Justice and Peace
Connecticut 5th District Progressives
Connecticut Fund for the Environment
Conservation Voters New Mexico
Council on Intelligent Energy & Conservation Policy
Crawford Stewardship Project
CT NOFA: The Northeast Organic Farming Association of Connecticut
CWA Local 1102
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Daughters of Wisdom JPIC USA
Deep Green Resistance New York Chapter
Delaware County NY Action Group (DAG)
Delaware Interfaith Power & Light
Dominican Sisters of Blauvelt, NY
Don't Waste Arizona
Earth Action
East Jersey Chapter Trout Unlimited

Eastern CT Green Energy
Eco-Poetry.org
Efficiency For All
Elder Creek Oak Woodland Preserve
Elders Climate Action - Ann Arbor Area Chapter
Elders Climate Action - Mass Chapter
Elmirans and Friends Against Fracking
Empire State Consumer Project
Energy Efficiencies Solutions
Enfield Neighbors for Safe Air and Water
Environmental Protection Information Center
Fairmont, MN Peace Group
Farmers and Families for Livingston
Forest City 350 Coalition
Foundation for Environment and Agriculture (FEA)
Fox Valley Citizens for Peace & Justice
Frac Sand Sentinel
Frack Action
Frack Free Four Corners
Franciscan Response to Fracking
FreshWater Accountability Project
Friends of Butternuts
Friends of Hudson
Full Potential Consulting
FUNDACION MADARIAGA
Gas Free Seneca
Gila Resources Information Project
Grassroots Action NY
Grassroots Environmental Education
Greater New York Labor Religion Coalition
Green Delaware
Green Education and Legal Fund
Green Map System
Green Sanctuary, Unitarian Society of Hartford
Greenburgh Nature Center
Groton resource awareness committee
Guernsey County Citizens Support on Drilling Issues
Guilford Peace Alliance
Gulf Restoration Network
Harris Management Services, LLC
Hernando County Democratic Club
Howard County (MD) Climate Action
Hudson River Sloop Clearwater, Inc.

Human Peace
Hunger Action LA
Hunger Action Network of NYS
HydroQuest
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Immanuel Church UCC Environmental Ministry Team
Indian Point Safe Energy Coalition (IPSEC)
Indivisible Chatham New York
Indivisible Northern NJ
Indivisible Santa Barbara
Indivisible Santa Fe
Indivisible Westchester
IndivisibleCD19NY
Interfaith Worker Justice - New Mexico
Internet Works LLC
Intertribal Territories Recovery Institute
Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement
Ithaca-SHIP.org
Jewish Climate Action Network
Kent County Water Conservation
LEPOCO Peace Center (Lehigh-Pocono Committee of Concern
Lilac Hill Farm
Lindsay Suter Architects
Litchfield Energy Task Force
Livelihoods Knowledge Exchange Network
Living Rivers & Colorado Riverkeeper
Local 1000 AFM
Los Alamos Study Group
Lower Hudson Valley Progressive Action Network
Lower Susquehanna Riverkeeper Association
Madison Garden Club, Member Florida Fed. of Garden Clubs
Maine Solar Energy Association
Makus Successful
Mangrove Action Project
Marcellus Outreach Butler
Maryland Environmental Health Network
MHS Young Democrats
Michigan Residents Against ET ROVER
Mid-Missouri Peaceworks/Missourians for Safe Energy
Milford Doers/Residents of Crumhorn Mtn
Mohawk valley keeper
Mons Nubifer Sanctus
Mothers Out Front

Move Forward Long Island
Movers, Not Shakers!
Nature Coast Conservation
NC WARN
NEOGAP (Network for Oil and Gas Accountability and Protection)
Nevada Wildlife Alliance
New Energy Economy
New Jersey Sustainable Collegiate Partners
New Jersey Tenants Association
New Mexico Climate Action
New Paltz Climate Action Coalition
New York Communities for Change (NYCC)
New York Heartwoods
New York Progressive Action Network
NH Energy Impact on Health Study Group
Nine Mile Farm
NJ State Industrial Union Council
No Kill Glynn County
NOFA-NJ
North American Water Office
North Jersey Green Alliance
Northeast Organic Farming Association (NOFA)
Northern New Jersey Chapter, National Organization for Women
Northern New Mexico Climate Activists
Northern Tuxedo Residents Association
Northjersey Pipeline Walkers
Northwest Coalition for Responsible Investment
Nuclear Watch South
Nurses for Social Responsibility
Indivisible NY
NYC Friends of Clearwater
NYC H2O
Oakland Park Democratic Club
Ocean Protection Coalition
Orange Residents Against Pilgrim Pipelines
Oregon Coast Alliance
Oregon Physicians for Social Responsibility
Otsego 2000, Inc.
Otsego Neighbors
OVEC
Patriots From The Oil & Gas Shales
Peacemakers of Schoharie County
Peacework Organic CSA

People for a Healthy Environment, Inc.
Pennsylvania Council of Churches
People Not Pipelines
People of Albany United for Safe Energy - PAUSE
Pequannock Seniors/Indivisible
Plataforma Interamericana de Derechos Humanos, Democracia y Desarrollo (PIDHDD Regional)
Plymouth Friends of Clean Water
Portland Raging Grannies/Climate Action Coalition
Presencia Taina
Progressive Action of Lower Manhattan
Progressive Democrats of the Santa Monica Mountains
Protect Orange County
PSR Arizona
Reach Out America
ResistSpectra
ReThink Energy Action Fund
Rio Arriba Concerned Citizens
ROAR Against Fracking
Rochester Defense Against Fracking
Rochester People's Climate Coalition
Rocky Mountain Peace and Justice Center, Boulder, CO
Rogue Riverkeeper
Rootskeeper
Roseland Against Compressor Station (RACS)
Safe Energy Rights Group, Inc.
San Juan Citizens Alliance
Sane Energy Project
Sanford-Oquaga Area Concerned Citizens (S-OACC)
SAPE
Save Our Illinois Land (SOIL)
Schuylkill Pipeline Awareness
SCRAM
SECAP
Securing Economic and Energy Democracy (SEED)
SENAA West
Seneca Lake Guardian, A Waterkeeper Affiliate
Sisters of St. Dominic of Blauvelt, New York
Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia
Slow Food North Shore
SoCal 350
Solar Seneca
SONIA for a Just New World
South Asian Fund For Education, Scholarship And Training (SAFEST)

South Coast Neighbors United
Southern Oregon Climate Action Now
Southwest Environmental Center
Southwest Native Cultures
Space Coast Chapter Citizens Climate Lobby
SSJ Earth Center
SSND AM Province JPIC OFFICE
St. John's Episcopal Church Environmental Ministry
Stop NY Fracked Gas Pipeline
Stop the Algonquin Pipeline Expansion (SAPE)
Strike Anywhere Performance Ensemble
Students for a Just and Stable Future
Sullivan Alliance for Sustainable Development
Sullivan Area Citizens for Responsible Energy Development
Sunnyside CSA
SUNY Oneonta Biological Field Station
Sustainable Bergen
Sustainable McDonough
Sustainable Medina county
Sustainable Otsego
Sustainable Solutions
Sustainable Warwick
SustainableBusiness.com
Tewa Women United
The Broadway Democrats
The Covert Liberty Project
The First Presbyterian Church of Brooklyn
The Wei
Thomas Berry Forum for Ecological Dialogue
Three Parks Independent Democrats
TIMBER PINES DEMOCRATIC CLUB
Tristates Unite for Safe Energy
TriStatesUnite
UCC CT Environmental Ministry Team
Unadilla Friends and Neighbors
Unitarian Universalist Pennsylvania Legislative Advocacy Network (UUPLAN)
United for Action
United Native Americans
Universe and Creation
UU Climate Action Team - UUPLAN
UUCSR
Vermont citizens action network
Veterans for Peace, Rogue Valley Chapter 156

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