

**Dear Governor :**

We the undersigned organizations and community groups are sending this letter to signal our fervent opposition to “Project Maple,” a major expansion being proposed by Enbridge to their fracked-gas pipeline that runs from New Jersey to Maine and potentially the Canadian Maritimes. Enbridge is seeking to increase capacity of this line by up to 500,000 Dekatherms/day at the Ramapo, NY receipt point, and up to 250,000 Dekatherms/day at the Salem, MA receipt point. While currently this fracked gas appears to be for electric power generation in Massachusetts, its final destination, usage, or need under the proposal is unclear. This project must be stopped.

Fracked-gas hurts communities along its whole life cycle: from the shale fields in Pennsylvania, Ohio, and West Virginia where fracking poisons the air, land and water; to the communities along the pipeline route who breathe in toxic emissions from compressor stations and live in constant fear of a devastating pipeline accident; to homes where fracked-gas from cooking causes harmful indoor air pollution.

Moreover, the extraction, transportation and burning of fossil fuels like fracked-gas is leading to catastrophic climate change. This past summer we experienced those impacts locally, nationally, and globally, with massive flooding in New York and New England, wildfires in the West and unbearable heat for months across the Southern states. Greenhouse gasses are at their highest level of any time in human existence, and we cannot afford to continue to increase our dependence on burning fossil fuels, and that includes fracked-gas. Temperatures in New England are already on average two degrees Fahrenheit warmer and four degrees warmer in winter than historic averages.

The United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change analysis estimated that methane’s potential contribution to global warming is more than 81 times that of an equivalent amount of carbon dioxide when impacts are measured over 20 years. In order to avert the worst of climate change, existing fracked-gas infrastructure must be shut down - not expanded.

Decades of regional dependence on fracked-gas to power our homes and buildings has already proven pricey for our families, and impacted the health of our communities. For this reason, leaders in the states along the pipeline route have set ambitious clean energy and decarbonization goals. Enbridge’s Project Maple proposal threatens to sap critical momentum out of these planet-saving efforts.

Frontline communities already resisted three previous expansions to this Enbridge pipeline. The “Algonquin” Incremental Market (AIM) project and the Atlantic Bridge project were completed in 2017 and 2021, years behind schedule and reduced in scope as a result of region wide resistance. The largest of these three expansions, the \$3 billion Access Northeast project, was canceled in 2017, again as a result of grassroots-led community organizing and direct action. From the information currently available, Project Maple appears to be a rebrand of this earlier failed Enbridge Access Northeast proposal.

In order to mitigate the climate crisis, and to protect our communities, the amount of fossil fuels burned must be decreased immediately and through the implementation of policies that ensure the just and rapid transition to a cleaner, renewable energy-powered regenerative economy. More pipelines will only exacerbate our existing fracked-gas dependence, raise our energy bills, and harm our communities, all while ensuring big profits for faraway investors.

We stand in solidarity with each other and will organize, mobilize, and take action to make sure that Project Maple is never built - and that Enbridge's pipeline system in the Northeast is ultimately shut down once and for all. We call on you to join us by publicly opposing Project Maple, demanding strict adherence and enforcement of all climate laws and regulation in the states impacted by this proposed expansion, and ensuring strict adherence to deny all permits to Project Maple.

Signed,

Acadia Center  
Ashford Clean Energy Task Force  
Berkshire Environmental Action Team  
BLM860 (Connecticut)  
Black Infinity Collective  
Boston Catholic Climate Movement  
Breathe Clean North Shore  
Breathe Easy Berkshires  
Brookhaven Residents' Climate Change Committee  
Burrillville BASE  
Canton Residents for a Sustainable Equitable Future  
Capital Region Mothers Out Front  
Citizens' Climate Lobby, Mass. North Shore Chapter  
Climate Action Now-Western Mass  
Climate Action Rhode Island  
Climate Defenders  
Climate Defiance  
Climate Disobedience Center  
The Climate Reality Project: Boston Metro Chapter  
The Climate Reality Project: Capital Region Chapter  
The Climate Reality Project: Finger Lakes Greater Region NY Chapter  
The Climate Reality Project: Catskills & Hudson Valley Chapter  
The Climate Reality Project: NYC Metro Chapter  
The Climate Reality Project: Westchester Chapter  
The Climate Reality Project: Western New York Chapter  
The Climate Reality Project: Massachusetts Southcoast Chapter  
The Climate Reality Project: Long Island Chapter  
The Climate Reality Project: Southern Connecticut Chapter

The Climate Reality Project: Greater New Jersey Gateway Chapter  
Climate Code Blue  
Coalition to Protect New York  
ConcordCAN  
Connecticut Climate Crisis Mobilization (C3M)  
Conservation Law Foundation  
CT Energy Network  
CT Green Building Council  
Electric Vehicle Club of Connecticut  
Energy Allies  
FFF Capital District NY  
The FANG Collective  
Food & Water Watch  
Fore River Residents Against the Compressor Station  
FrackBustersNY  
Grassroots Environmental Education  
Greater Boston Physicians for Social Responsibility  
Green Eco Warriors  
GreenRoots  
Green Ossining  
GTA860 (Good Trouble Advocates)  
Indian Point Safe Energy Coalition  
Jewish Climate Action Network  
Mothers Out Front Massachusetts  
Mothers Out Front New York  
New York Progressive Action Network  
New Yorkers for Clean Power  
No Coal No Gas  
No Fracked Gas In Mass  
No More Dirty Power in Killingly  
Nonprofit Accountability Group  
NY Water Action  
Peekskill Progressives  
People's Action for Clean Energy (PACE)  
People for a Healthy Environment  
Resist The Pipeline  
Resist Spectra  
Rivers & Mountains GreenFaith  
Safe Energy Rights Group  
Sane Energy Project  
Salem Alliance for the Environment (SAFE)  
Sierra Club Connecticut  
Sierra Club Massachusetts  
Sierra Club

Slingshot  
Springfield Climate Justice Coalition  
Stop the Algonquin Pipeline Expansion (SAPE)  
Stop the Brookfield Compressor Station  
Sunrise Movement Connecticut  
Sustainable Marblehead HealthLink  
Third Act Upstate New York  
Tyson, West & Associates  
Unitarian Universalist Mass Action  
United 4 Clean Energy  
Westchester Alliance for Sustainable Solutions  
Windham-Willimantic NAACP Environmental Justice Committee  
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350 Mass  
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350 Mass, Greater Franklin Node  
350 Mass, MetroWest Node  
350 Mass, North Shore Node  
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