

June 23, 2021

Dear President Biden,

As climate change continues to accelerate, it is critical that all decisions from your administration reflect your own view that climate change is the “existential crisis of our time.” The upcoming vacancy at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission provides a clear opportunity to rapidly move off of fossil fuels and fossil fuel infrastructure. We urge you to appoint a new commissioner who is committed to this vision.

A growing body of climate scientists and energy researchers are warning that we cannot keep developing new fossil fuel resources and infrastructure if we want to have any hope of avoiding runaway climate chaos. Most recently, the International Energy Agency said that governments must halt all new fossil fuel infrastructure development.

It is not hard to see why the warnings are growing more urgent. The impacts of climate chaos are evident all around us: A major drought engulfing the western half of the United States, the hurricane season is starting earlier and has grown more intense, and increasingly devastating wildfires and floods. Experts predict that without rapid decarbonization, American society will see growing agricultural losses, decreased clean water access, desertification, population migration, and biodiversity loss which will result in large-scale societal disruption.

Among other things, FERC has the power to approve or deny permits for new fracked gas pipelines and export facilities. Historically the commission has too often facilitated the development of fossil fuel infrastructure without regard for the impacts these projects will have on planet-warming emissions. At the same time, FERC has often created roadblocks for clean energy providers to sell power on the capacity markets . It is critical that the agency begin to make decisions in line with climate science.

While we appreciate your stated commitment to tackling climate change, there have been some troubling moves by your administration including the decision to continue issuing permits for fossil fuel drilling on federal lands and your defense of a massive Trump-approved oil drilling project in Alaska.

It's time to treat climate change like the emergency it is, and stop approving new fossil fuel extraction and infrastructure, and facilitate renewable energy gaining access to the grid. This FERC appointment will be instrumental in helping to fulfill your commitment to addressing this crisis. We urge you to appoint a new commissioner committed to following climate science, stopping new fossil fuel infrastructure, and transitioning the country to 100% renewable energy.

Sincerely,

## **National Organizations**

Arm in Arm  
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Beyond Extreme Energy  
Businesses for a Livable Climate  
CatholicNetwork US  
Center for Biological Diversity  
Climate Hawks Vote  
Earthworks  
Food & Water Watch  
FracTracker Alliance  
Friends of the Earth U.S.  
Global Witness  
Great Old Broads for Wilderness  
Indigenous Environmental Network  
International Marine Mammal Project of Earth Island Institute  
Nuclear Age Peace Foundation  
Oil Change International  
Progressive Democrats of America  
Property Rights and Pipeline Center  
Rachel Carson Council  
Rapid Shift Network  
Seeding Sovereignty  
Sierra Club  
Stand.earth  
SumOfUS  
Surfrider Foundation  
Unitarian Universalist Association  
Unitarian Universalists for a Just Economic Community  
Unitarian Universalists for Social Justice  
United Native Americans  
Waterkeeper Alliance  
Women's International League for Peace and Freedom US  
Zero Hour  
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## **Regional and Local Organizations**

A Thousand Friends of Virginia's Future  
All Our Energy  
Alliance for a Green Economy  
Alliance for Democracy  
American Friend Service Committee Northeast Region  
Animals Are Sentient Beings, Inc.

Aquamarine Studio  
Arkansas Ozark Waterkeeper, Inc.  
Assateague Coastal Trust  
Atchafalaya Basinkeeper  
Athens County's Future Action Network (ACFAN), aka Athens County Fracking Action Network  
Bayou City Waterkeeper  
Beloved Earth Community of The Riverside Church  
Benedictine Sisters of Erie  
Benedictine University  
Bergen County Green Party  
Berks Gas Truth  
Berkshire Environmental Action Team  
Beth Gelfond Marketing Consultant  
Better Path Coalition  
Big Blackfoot Riverkeeper, Inc.  
Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League  
Bronx Climate Justice North  
CA Businesses for a Livable Climate  
Cahaba Riverkeeper  
Call to Action Colorado  
Calvert Citizens for a Healthy Community  
Cascadia Wildlands  
Catawba Riverkeeper Foundation  
Cedar Lane Unitarian Universalist Church Environmental Justice Ministry  
Center for Community Energy  
Central Jersey Coalition Against Endless War  
Central Jersey Environmental Defenders  
Chapel Hill Organization for Clean Energy  
Chesapeake Climate Action Network  
Chesapeake Physicians for Social Responsibility  
Choctawhatchee Riverkeeper  
Church Women United in New York State  
Citizens Action Coalition  
Citizens Awareness Network  
Citizens United for Renewable Energy (CURE)  
Citizens' Climate Lobby, Ashfield MA Chapter  
Clean Energy Action  
Climate Action Now, Western Mass  
Climate Action Team of First Parish Church Framingham  
Climate Code Blue  
Climate First: Replacing Oil & Gas  
Climate Reality Project - Southern CT Chapter  
Climate Reality Project, Boca Raton, FL Chapter  
Climate Reality Project: Susquehanna Valley PA Chapter

CO Businesses for a Livable Climate  
Coalition Against Pilgrim Pipeline - NJ  
Coalition Against Pipelines  
Coalition to Ban Unsafe Oil Trains  
Colorado Small Business Coalition  
Columbia Pacific Common Sense  
Columbia Riverkeeper  
Community Action Works  
Community Power  
Concerned Health Professionals of New York  
Concerned Residents of Oxford  
Cooperative Energy Futures  
Courage California  
Damascus Citizens for Sustainability  
Daughters of Wisdom  
Delaware Riverkeeper Network  
Denver Justice and Peace Committee (DJPC)  
DivestNJ Coalition  
Doing What We Can  
Dominican Sisters of Houston  
Don't Gas the Meadowlands Coalition  
Don't Gas the Pinelands  
Don't Waste Arizona  
Dorchester Climate Justice  
Earth Action, Inc.  
Earth Democracy Committee, Women's International League for Peace & Freedom, US Section  
Earth Ethics, Inc.  
Echotopia LLC  
Eco-Poetry.org  
Electric Auto Assn Central Coast CA  
Empower our Future  
Environmental Justice Team First Church of Christ Longmeadow, MA  
Extinction Rebellion Kentucky  
Extinction Rebellion San Francisco Bay Area  
Fairmont, MN Peace Group  
FCCPR Climate Crisis Task Force  
Fifth and Sixth Ward Neighborhood Association  
First Wednesdays San Leandro  
Fore River Residents Against the Compressor Station  
Fossil Free Tompkins  
Fossil Fuel Divest Harvard  
Foundation for Florida Environmental Protection  
Frack Free Illinois  
Franklin Township JFK Democratic Club

FreshWater Accountability Project  
Friends of the Nanticoke River  
Friends of the Public Bank East Bay  
Gas Free Seneca  
Georgia Interfaith Power and Light  
Georgia Stand-Up  
Glen Echo Heights Mobilization  
Grassroots Environmental Education  
Greater Birmingham Alliance to Stop Pollution  
Greater Highland Area Concerned Citizens  
Green America  
Green Education and Legal Fund  
Green Newton Inc  
Greenbelt Climate Action Network  
Greening Committee, Kehilla Community Synagogue  
Greenvest  
Group Against Smog and Pollution  
Hackensack Riverkeeper  
Hansen's Advisory Services  
HealthLink  
Healthy Gulf  
Howard County Climate Action  
iEat Green, LLC  
Indivisible Howard County MD  
Inland Empire Waterkeeper  
Institute for Policy Studies Climate Policy Program  
Jewish Climate Action Network NYC  
Jewish Climate Action Network-MA  
JPIC Committee - Religious of Jesus & Mary, USA/Haiti Province  
Judson Memorial Church  
Kickapoo Peace Circle  
Kissimmee Waterkeeper  
Kootenai Environmental Alliance  
Lake Pend Oreille Waterkeeper  
LaPlaca and Associates LLC  
LEAD Agency, Inc.  
Lexington Global Warming Action Coalition  
Little Lakes Sustainability Network  
Livelihoods Knowledge Exchange Network (LiKEN)  
Longmeadow Energy and Sustainability Committee  
Longmeadow Pipeline Awareness Group  
Lower Cape Indivisible  
Lower Susquehanna Riverkeeper Association  
Main Line Unitarian Church

Marcellus Outreach Butler  
Maryland Legislative Coalition  
Massachusetts Climate Action Network  
Massachusetts Interfaith Power & Light  
Mattawoman Watershed Society  
Mendocino Women's Political Coalition  
Milwaukee Riverkeeper  
MIT Divest  
MLC Climate Justice Wing  
Morningside Gardens Green Committee  
Mountain Watershed Association  
MoveOn.org Hoboken  
Nassau Hiking & Outdoor Club  
Nature Coast Conservation  
New Energy Economy  
New Jersey Sierra Club  
New Jersey Tenants Organization  
No Ameren Shutoffs  
No Fracked Gas in Mass  
No Sharon Gas Pipeline | Clean Energy Now  
North American Climate, Conservation and Environment(NACCE)  
North Bronx Racial Justice  
North Country Earth Action  
North Jersey Pipeline Walkers  
North Range Concerned Citizens  
Northern Michigan Environmental Action Council  
Nuclear Energy Information Service (NEIS)  
Nuclear Information and Resource Service  
NY/NJ Baykeeper  
NYC Friends of Clearwater  
NYC H2O  
Occupy Bergen County  
Ocean Conservation Research  
Ogeechee Riverkeeper  
Ohio Valley Environmental Coalition  
Orange County Coastkeeper  
Pace Energy and Climate Center  
Park Watershed  
Peak Plastic Foundation  
People Organizing to Demand Environmental & Economic Rights  
People's Justice Council  
Physicians for Social Responsibility AZ Chapter  
Physicians for Social Responsibility Pennsylvania  
Pinelands Preservation Alliance

Plymouth Friends of Clean Water  
Portland Advocates for Lead-free Drinking Water  
Preserve Montgomery County VA  
Progressive Democrats of America, Tucson, AZ Chapter  
Protect All Children's Environment  
Public Justice Center  
Pueblo Action Alliance  
Puget Soundkeeper  
Putting Down Roots  
Raritan Headwaters  
Reach Out America  
Récolte Energy  
Regional Farm and Food Project  
Renewable Energy Long Island (reLI)  
Responsible Growth Management Coalition of SW Florida  
ReThink Energy Florida  
Rio Arriba Concerned Citizens  
River Guardian Foundation  
River Valley Organizing  
Riverkeeper  
Rogue Climate  
Rogue Riverkeeper  
Safe Energy Rights Group  
Safe Energy Rights Group  
Safe Healthy Playing Fields Inc.  
Salem Alliance for the Environment  
San Antonio Bay Estuarine Waterkeeper  
San Juan Citizens Alliance  
San Luis Valley Ecosystem Council  
Sanctuary Woods  
SanDiego350  
Sanford-Oquaga Area Concerned Citizens (S-OACC)  
Santa Barbara Standing Rock Coalition  
Santa Cruz climate action network  
Save Our Streams, PA  
Save RGV from LNG  
Save the Pine Bush  
Science and Environmental Health Network  
Seneca Lake Guardian  
Sequoia ForestKeeper®  
ShoreRivers  
Sierra Club Atlantic Chapter  
Sierra Club Calusa Group  
Sierra Club New Jersey

Sisters of Charity Federation  
Sisters of St. Dominic of Blauvelt, New York  
Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia  
Slow Food North Shore  
Society of Alternative Resources  
SOMA Action  
South Florida Wildlands Association  
South Shore Audubon Society  
South Umpqua Rural Community Partnership  
Southwest Native Cultures  
SouthWings  
Spirit of the Sun  
Stop the Algonquin Pipeline Expansion  
Sullivan Alliance for Sustainable Development  
Sullivan Area Citizens for Responsible Energy Development  
Suncoast Waterkeeper  
Sustainable Systems Research Foundation  
Sustainable Wellesley  
Sustainable West Milford  
Sustainne  
Sylvia Schrock  
Syracuse Peace Council  
Takoma Park Mobilization Environment Committee  
Tennessee Riverkeeper  
Texas Campaign for the Environment  
The Cooperative Food Empowerment Directive  
The Future Left  
Thomas Berry Forum  
Toxics Information Project (TIP)  
Transition US  
Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Sussex County  
Unitarian Universalist Mass Action  
Unite North Metro Denver  
United for Action  
Vote Climate  
Wall of Women  
Washington Physicians for Social Responsibility  
Waterspirit  
We the People of Detroit  
West End Revitalization Association WERA  
Whole Sun Designs Inc.  
Willamette Riverkeeper  
Win With Wind  
WISE



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350 Central Mass

350 Eugene

350 MetroWest Node

350 Montgomery County

350 Seattle

350 Silicon Valley

350 Triangle

350Brooklyn

350 Deschutes

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350 Hawaii

350 Kishwaukee

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