

# Stop Funding Fossil Fuel Greenwashing

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The Honorable Patrick Leahy  
Senate Committee on Appropriations  
S-128 The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
House Committee on Appropriations  
H-307 The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairpersons Leahy and DeLauro:

Impacts on Indigenous and frontline communities and the urgency of the climate crisis demands a rapid reorientation of our society away from fossil fuels. Public investments will have a tremendous impact on our ability to make this transition. However, prior to 2021, the fossil fuel industry was scheduled to collect \$120 billion in fossil fuel subsidies over the next decade. This massive fossil fuel giveaway is compounded by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), which provides at least \$27 billion in funding that is either directly for fossil fuel projects or that runs the risk of being co-opted by the industry. We urge you to take an important step away from this harmful status quo by restricting federal funding of the fossil fuel industry and by preventing 'clean' programs from being co-opted by polluters.

We understand negotiations for the FY 2022 process are already well underway but given the huge appropriations for fossil fuel interests in IIJA and ongoing action at the Department of Energy and Department of Transportation to begin spending those allocations, we call on you to protect frontline communities and our climate by blocking new appropriations for fossil fuel projects and adding tough new conditions for existing programs.

Fossil fuel industry efforts to use carbon capture, blue hydrogen, and various new "advanced" energy fuels to greenwash activities will support a new era of fossil fuel and petrochemical development. Rather than propping up these industries through fossil-based technologies, Congress has an opportunity in the FY 2022 Appropriation to: 1) restrict the ability of the fossil fuel industry to co-opt existing spending; 2) stop appropriating additional spending that results in increased fossil fuel infrastructure; 3) provide instructions to the administration to ensure any grants, loans or other financial support from the Department of Energy or the Department of Transportation will comprehensively evaluate greenhouse gas emissions and harms to BIPOC, frontline and disadvantaged communities. These agencies must use their evaluations to restrict funding to any programs that harm these communities or increase greenhouse gas emissions.

Fossil fuel interests are already rushing to take advantage of these new public handouts – rolling out efforts to build thousands of miles of new pipelines and other dirty infrastructure. These infrastructure projects raise significant public health and climate concerns. Rather than addressing the climate crisis, they will instead result in continuing harm to communities on the front lines of the extraction, transportation, refining and combustion of fossil fuels. Without rapid Congressional action to address these massive polluter handouts, we will see more harm to our communities, a worsening climate crisis, and a more obstacles to eliminate existing harms.

Sincerely,

Original Signatories

Center for International Environmental Law

Indigenous Environmental Network

Food & Water Watch

Institute for Policy Studies Climate Policy Program

Friends of the Earth

Oil Change International

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Accelerate Neighborhood Climate Action  
Action Together New Jersey  
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Alaska Community Action on Toxics  
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Berks Gas Truth  
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Bike Hudson County  
Biofuelwatch  
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Breathe Project  
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Businesses for a Livable Climate  
Call to Action Colorado  
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Citizens for Clean Air and Water in Brazoria  
County  
Clean Air Action Network of Glens Falls  
Clean Energy Action  
Climate Justice Alliance  
Climate Reality Project: Susquehanna Valley  
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CO Businesses for a Livable Climate  
Coalition Against Pilgrim Pipeline - NJ  
Colorado Businesses for a Livable Climate  
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Earth Action  
Eco-Justice Collaborative  
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Empower Our Future Colorado  
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Endangered Habitats League  
Extinction Rebellion Boston  
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Family Farm Defenders  
Farmworker Association of Florida  
Fieldstones  
Food & Water Watch  
FracTracker Alliance  
FreshWater Accountability Project  
Fridays for Future U.S.  
Friends of the Earth  
Friends of the Earth Spain  
GAIA  
Gas Free Seneca  
Global Center for Climate Justice  
Global Justice Ecology Project  
Global Witness  
Grassroots Environmental Education  
Grassroots Global Justice Alliance  
Greater New Orleans Housing Alliance  
Green Education and Legal Fund  
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Green State Solutions  
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Greenpeace USA  
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Littleton Business Alliance  
Locust Point Community Garden  
Long Beach Alliance for Clean Energy  
Long Island Progressive Coalition  
Los Alamos Study Group  
Louisiana Bucket Brigade  
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Michigan Environmental Justice Coalition  
Mid-Missouri Peaceworks  
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Montbello Neighborhood Improvement Association  
MoveOn.org Hoboken  
Nassau Hiking & Outdoor Club  
NC Alliance to Protect Our People and the Places We Live (NC-APPPL)  
New Mexico Climate Justice  
New York Communities for Change  
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Oil Change International  
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Pesticide Action Network  
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SEED: Strategies for Ethical and Environmental Development, Inc.  
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Sunrise Movement  
Surfrider Foundation  
System Change Not Climate Change  
Terra Advocati  
Texas Campaign for the Environment  
The Green House Connection Center  
The Last Plastic Straw  
The People's Justice Council  
The Quantum Institute  
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Thrive at Life: Working Solutions  
TIAA-Divest! from Climate Destruction  
Unite North Metro Denver  
United Native Americans  
Veterans for Climate Justice  
Wall of Women  
Wall of Women Colorado  
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