

Oppose the Big Bad Carbon Capture Handouts

May 20, 2025

Dear Members of Congress,

We, the undersigned organizations, representing landowners, environmental advocates, fiscal watchdogs, and community leaders from across the political spectrum, call on you to oppose the Big Beautiful Bill. This bill is packed with billions in corporate handouts for the carbon capture industry, while including provisions to fast-track pipelines, which would limit community input on federal permitting and oversight, as well as create new tax shelters for the carbon capture industry. This bill is the wrong direction for our country, prioritizing the profits of politically connected corporations over the safety, property rights, and pocketbooks of everyday Americans.

Here's what it does and why it must be stopped:

- **A threat to community safety and local oversight:** While the most extreme provision giving federal agencies new authority to override local and state objections to CO₂ and hydrogen pipelines has been removed, this bill still clears the way for dangerous infrastructure. It preserves a new fast-tracked permitting scheme that allows companies to pay for shorter environmental reviews and effectively guarantees approval after one year unless regulators act to stop it. This kind of pay-to-play permitting process undermines public participation, limits legal recourse, and weakens the ability of safety regulators to do their jobs. Communities along pipeline routes will still be left in harm's way.
- **Taxpayer Funded Corporate Handouts:** This bill also preserves the 45Q tax credit, despite extensive evidence that large corporations have abused it. A recent Inspector General report confirmed widespread improper claims. Independent estimates suggest the full cost of this subsidy could reach hundreds of billions of dollars, driving up the deficit and leaving everyday taxpayers to foot the bill.
- **Double Dipping for Wealthy Investors:** This bill expands publicly traded partnership eligibility to CO₂ pipeline operators and others, allowing these companies to dodge corporate taxes while still collecting billions in tax credits that wealthy investors can use to shield their personal tax liability. This serves no purpose other than funneling private investment into carbon capture projects and tax dollars into the pockets of billionaire investors and big corporations.

Altogether, this legislation threatens to turbocharge the dangerous industry-backed climate scam of carbon capture and storage, presenting a major hazard to communities, tribes, farmers, landowners and the public purse. It would accelerate the permitting of

dangerous pipelines right when oversight capacity is limited and safety standards are admittedly inadequate. With the challenges facing our country, the last thing we should be doing is funneling more public money to billionaires promoting a dangerous and unnecessary industry.

We call on you to oppose the Big Beautiful Bill. Communities across the country, rural, urban, red, blue, and purple are watching. Choose the side of people, not polluters.

Sincerely,

Original Signatories

Better Path Coalition

Center for Biological Diversity

Center for International Environmental
Law

Citizens Against Heartland
Greenwashing Projects

Citizens Against Predatory Pipelines

Climate Justice Alliance

Coalition to Stop CO2 Pipelines

Dakota Rural Action

Eco-Justice Collaborative
Faith Coalition for the Common Good

Food & Water Watch

Illinois People's Action

Indigenous Environmental Network

No False Climate Solutions PA

Sangamon Valley Sierra Club Group

Save Our Illinois Land

Science and Environmental Health
Network

Sustainable Springfield Inc

Western Organization of Resource
Councils

Signatories

Allegheny County Clean Air Now

Animals Are Sentient Beings, Inc.

Bayou City Waterkeeper

Better Path Coalition

Between the Waters

Biofuelwatch

Bold Alliance

Breathe Project

Center for Biological Diversity

Center for Progressive Reform

Central Illinois Healthy Community
Alliance

Central/Eastern Oregon Chapter of the
Great Old Broads for Wilderness
Cheek Texas Community Association
Citizens Action Coalition of IN
Citizens Against Heartland
Greenwashing Projects
Citizens Against Predatory Pipelines
Clean Energy Action
Clean Water Action
Climate Hawks Vote
Climate Justice Alliance
Climate Reality NEPA
Climate Reality Project Chicago Metro
Chapter
Climate Reality Project Greater New
Orleans Chapter
Climate Reality Project Lehigh Valley PA
Chapter
Coalition to Stop CO2 Pipelines
Community Energy reSource
Concerned Citizens of St. John
Concerned Health Professionals of
Pennsylvania
Dakota Resource Council
Dakota Rural Action
Dayenu: A Jewish Call to Climate Action
Delaware Riverkeeper Network
Dimock environmental research center
Don't Gas the Meadowlands Coalition

Earth Ethics. Inc.,
Earth Neighborhood Productions
Earthworks
Eco-Justice Collaborative
Endangered Species Coalition
Faith Coalition for the Common Good
Fenceline Watch
Food & Water Watch
Fossil Free Tompkins
Fox Valley Citizens for Peace & Justice
(Illinois)
FracTracker Alliance
FreshWater Accountability Project
Greater Highland Area Concerned
Citizens
Greater New Orleans Interfaith Climate
Coalition
Greenfire Coalition Writers' Forum
Greenpeace USA
Healthy Gulf
Illinois landowner
Illinois People's Action
Inclusive Louisiana
Indiana Environmental Clean Energy
J40, Inc.
Indigenous Environmental Network
Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy
Institute for Policy Studies Climate
Policy Program

Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement

Just Transition Northwest Indiana

League of Conservation Voters

Clean Energy Action

Louisiana Just Recovery Network

Louisiana League of Conscious Voters

McKean County Green Party

Metro East Green Alliance

Mid-Ohio Valley Climate Action

Move Past Plastic (MP))

National Family Farm Coalition

NEPA Green Coalition

New York Progressive Action Network

No False Climate Solutions PA

North American Climate, Conservation and Environment (NACCE)

North American Water Office

North Quabbin Energy Network

Pesticide Action and Agroecology Network

Physicians for Social Responsibility

Physicians for Social Responsibility Pennsylvania

Pittsburghers Against Single Use Plastics

Plastic Pollution Coalition

Port Arthur Community Action Network (PACAN)

Progressive Democrats of America - Central New Mexico

Progressive Democrats of America, New Jersey chapter

Putting Down Roots

Resource Renewal Institute

RISE St James

San Francisco Bay Physicians for Social Responsibility

Sangamon Valley Sierra Club Group

Save Ohio Parks

Save Our Illinois Land

Science and Environmental Health Network

Snake River Alliance

Society of Native Nations

Solarize Albany

Stand.earth

Stop the Algonquin Pipeline Expansion (SAPE)

Sullivan Farms

Sunflower Alliance

Sustainable Springfield Inc

The Enviro Show

The Phoenix Group

Turtle Island Restoration Network

Unitarian Universalists for a Just Economic Community

Waterspirit

WE ACT for Environmental Justice

We Care Chiropractic

West Virginia Rivers Coalition

Western Organization of Resource
Councils

Western Watersheds Project

Womxn From The Mountain

Wyoming Wildlife Advocates

1000 Grandmothers for Future
Generations

198 methods

350 Bay Area Action

350 New Orleans

350 Seattle

350 Triangle

350.org

350Hawaii