

# An Appeal to President Joseph R. Biden

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Dear President Biden,

We, the undersigned elected officials, urge you to take aggressive action to address the climate emergency using powers that are available to you as President. We are extremely disappointed that you approved the Willow Project in Alaska, agreed to the Mountain Valley Pipeline (MVP) in Appalachia, and have failed to stop the dangerous Line 5 pipeline in Michigan. We are also alarmed that you are supporting dangerous rollbacks to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) that will make it harder for environmental and climate justice communities to protect themselves from health-harming fossil fuels. We desperately need you to be a true global climate leader: end all new coal, oil, and gas extraction and begin phasing out fossil fuel reliance to help keep global warming to 1.5C. Fossil fuel projects perpetuate the harm of designating specific regions - like the Gulf South and other frontline and Indigenous, Black, Brown, and poor communities - as energy and economic sacrifice zones, while fueling the climate emergency. We stand with the United Nations (UN) Secretary General, António Guterres, in asking you to stop approving permits for fossil fuel expansion.

We urge you and your administration to more clearly and aggressively keep your commitments to address climate change, and to comprehensively implement the Justice40 Initiative. In particular, we urge you to not further undermine bedrock environmental protections with any other rollbacks to NEPA or with any new rollbacks to the Clean Water Act (CWA).

We want you to represent our country on the global stage at the upcoming September UN Climate Summit in New York City and show that the United States will lead an equitable transition away from fossil fuels in a way that leaves no one behind. You must stop approving fossil fuel projects, declare a climate emergency, and phase out fossil fuel production on all public lands and waters.

With the recent climate change-caused wildfires in Canada spreading harmful air pollution into the US, the urgency of the moment is clear. The only way to meet this critical moment for our planet is for the United States to be a global leader in phasing out

coal, oil, and gas production. We ask for policies that justly source and implement, clean, renewable energy solutions and avoid dangerous distractions like the fake solution of carbon capture.

Therefore, I, \_\_\_\_\_<Full Name and Elected Position>,  
do hereby pledge to support the call for a global phase out of fossil fuel use and production and urge you, President Biden, to earn your place at the September Climate Ambition Summit by:

1. Declaring a climate emergency to reinstate the crude oil export ban;
2. Phasing out fossil fuel production on public lands and waters;
3. Denying all permits for new fossil fuel infrastructure;
4. Shutting down projects like Willow, the Dakota Access Pipeline, the Mountain Valley Pipeline, and Line 5; and
5. Upholding and strengthening bedrock environmental protections in NEPA and the CWA.

It's never too late to change course to address the root cause of climate change and guarantee your seat at the table of global leaders dedicated to protecting our futures. Your constituents and mine are depending on you.

Sincerely,

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**Endorsed by:**

