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Organizations Call on President Biden to Stop Export of Liquefied Natural Gas
Letter delivered from 243 organizations from diverse regions

Washington DC – A letter signed by 243 organizations was submitted to the White House today calling for an immediate end to the export of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) from the United States. The organizations are representing communities in 27 states including Puerto Rico scattered across the nation, along with Ireland, France and one international organization.

Composed by a network of groups fighting LNG projects in various locations, the letter petitions the Biden Administration to replace the exporting of these dirty fossil fuels with clean, renewable energy sources and to abandon the Trump Administration’s policy of “energy dominance” globally. The letter details actions that the new administration can take such as undoing the dangerous approval of LNG transport by rail, the undermining of federal environmental reviews, and using executive authority to issue an Executive Order halting gas exports.

The letter expresses the injustice of LNG development and use: “Communities of color and those with low household incomes comprise about 38 percent of the people living within three miles of proposed LNG facilities. Those closest to the emission source receive the most harm from most pollutants. Furthermore, the enormous footprint of these emissions can cause damage to human health for up to 159 miles. Throughout gas and oil extraction, development, delivery, and end use, public health is harmed, especially for those on the frontlines. The history of disproportionate current and historic environmental burdens on black and brown communities and the poor is a pattern of gross environmental injustice that is intolerable.”

Citing the President’s January “Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad Executive Order”, the groups described stopping LNG export and its infrastructure as a priority to address the oppressive inequities it engenders.

The letter explains that greenhouse gas emissions from methane’s full life cycle are so great that they are responsible for exacerbating climate change, dramatically undercutting our ability to combat the climate crisis and that LNG export induces
fracking and its environmental destruction and public health harm. This causes the externalized costs for the public to rise exponentially as the industry profits.

Representatives from frontline groups opposing LNG projects in different locations spoke at the press conference about why they are calling for the export of LNG to end. Adrian Rivera-Reyes from Philly Boricuas, Philadelphia, PA; Juan Mancias from Carrizo/Comecrudo Tribe of Texas; Robyn Janssen, from Rogue Riverkeeper, Ashland, Oregon.

"In 2009, after 4 years of protest the people of Puerto Rico defeated a government that was willing to risk millions of lives and build a gas pipeline across the entire island in the middle of an energy crisis. In 2020, we, Philly Boricuas, join our community in Philadelphia to reject the transportation of LNG "bomb trains" through our community and risking our families and neighbors lives. Moreover, we join our families in Puerto Rico and all over the diaspora in rejecting the transportation of LNG in ships to the archipelago. Puerto Rico deserves energy independence from the US mainland and our families deserve to be safe from the threat of LNG. It is time that we have a government that stands up for its people over the pockets of the ultra rich!" said Adrián Rivera-Reyes with Philly Boricuas, Philadelphia, PA.

"For over 14 years, communities in southern Oregon have been fighting to stop the Jordan Cove LNG export project to protect clean water, tribal territories, public lands, private property, and the climate. Unfortunately, this story is all too common across our country. It's time that the people, land, waters and climate are the priority and not the pockets of corporate interests." Says Robyn Janssen, Director of Rogue Riverkeeper in southern Oregon. "It is time to change the narrative around energy independence for this country. The Biden administration has the opportunity to do so by saying NO to LNG export proposals and YES to job-creating, clean, renewable energy sectors that will protect our communities and the environment for future generations," said Robyn Janssen, Director of Rogue Riverkeeper, Southern Oregon.

"In Louisiana and Texas, there are already four large fossil gas liquefaction export terminals operating, and two more under construction. Do we really need more? Thousands of acres of wetlands have already been decimated from these projects. The air, water and soil is continually polluted, and the Gulf Coast communities bearing the biggest burden are people of color and people with lower income. When will our public servants finally do the right thing and say enough is enough? Our government can and should put an end to the racist, reckless destruction of our land, air, water, wetlands, and community health. We call on the Biden administration to stop any new LNG fossil gas facility, expansion, port or pipeline," said Naomi Yoder, Staff Scientist at Healthy Gulf.

"The LNG export business represents the future for an industry that shouldn’t have one. While the President is to be commended for establishing councils and convening forums to put in place a plan for addressing climate change, the most
effective thing he can do right now is to stop the next generation fracking boom before it starts,” said Karen Feridun, Founder of Pennsylvania-based Berks Gas Truth.

“This industry has been trashing our communities long enough. We now have an administration that takes climate change seriously. Now is the time to put a stop to the ridiculous number of proposals out there that dramatically expands climate and community destruction. Any clear look at the science of climate and local impacts tells us we also need to start closing existing facilities as fast as we can for the sake of our future,” said Wes Gillingham Associate Director, Catskill Mountainkeeper.

“The development of gas has a footprint of destruction across the nation from cradle to grave - from extraction to transport to methane liquefaction to export terminals and to its eventual burning overseas - devastating communities, polluting the environment, and compounding the climate crisis. The Biden Administration can put an end to this continual disaster by stopping the export of LNG and the industry’s grip on our global energy future, instead pivoting to truly clean, renewable and independent energy sources,” said Tracy Carluccio, Deputy Director, Delaware Riverkeeper Network.

The letter was delivered electronically to the Biden Administration prior to a virtual press conference held today by representatives of the organizations submitting the letter. The delivery is aligned with a Week of Action April 19 through 23 by communities on the Gulf Coast fighting for clean air, water, and environments and against fossil fuel development. See #DefendTheGulf, #DefiendeElGolfo and #FossilFreeGulf on social media for more information.

For a copy of the letter go here: https://bit.ly/3dZAzL4

Representatives of the signing organizations discuss their concerns further here: https://bit.ly/3gaUtFB

The organizations who signed the letter are listed here in alphabetical order:

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350 Charlotte

350 Eastside

350 Eugene

350 New Orleans

350 Philadelphia

350 Seattle

350 Silicon Valley
350.org, National
350eugene
Action Together NJ
Allegheny County Clean Air Now (ACCAN)
AMP Creeks Council
Baltimore Phil Berrigan Memorial Chapter Veterans For Peace
Beaver County Marcellus Awareness Community (BCMAC)
Berks Gas Truth
Better Path Coalition
Beyond Extreme Energy
Bill McKibben
Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League
BlueWaveNJ
Bold Alliance
Boricuas Unidos en la Diáspora
Breathe Easy Susquehanna County
Breathe Project
Bucks County Concerned Citizens Against the Pipelines
Bucks Environmental Action
Businesses for a Livable Climate
Call to Action Colorado
Camp White Pine
Carrizo/Comecrudo Tribe of Texas
Cascadia Climate Action Now
CatholicNetwork.US
Catskill Mountainkeeper
Cedar.green (formerly Stop Fracked Gas-PDX/Stop Zenith Collaborative)
Center for Biological Diversity
Central Jersey Coalition Against Endless War
Central Jersey Environmental Defenders
Citizens for Renewables
Clean Air Council
Clean Ocean Action
Clean Water Action - Pennsylvania
Clean Water Action, NJ State
Clean Water Action, National
Climate Change Awareness and Action
Climate Hawks Vote
Climate Reality - CA
Climate Reality DFW - Plastics Working Group
Climate Reality Project - Lehigh Valley Chapter
Climate Reality Project Los Angeles Chapter
Climate Reality Project, Greater Cincinnati Chapter
Climate Reality San Francisco Bay Area Chapter
ClimateMama
CNY Solidarity Coalition Climate Justice Committee
Coalition Against Pilgrim Pipeline - NJ
Coalition For Peace Action - Tennessee
Coalition for Peace Action Pennsylvania
Coalition to Ban Unsafe Oil Trains
Coalition Against Pilgrim Pipeline - NJ
Comite Dialogo Ambiental, Inc.
Concerned Citizens Pennsylvania
Concerned Health Professionals of New York
Damascus Citizens for Sustainability
Delaware Riverkeeper Network
DiasporaPA
DivestNJ Coalition
Don't Gas the Meadowlands Coalition
Douglas County Global Warming Coalition
Earth Action, Inc.
Earth Ministry/Washington Interfaith Power & Light
Earthworks
Edgmont Community Safety Group
El Puente - LCAN
Elizabeth Nields Clay Workshop
Employment Horizons
EMPOWER NJ
Environmental Health Project, SW PA
Environmental Justice Taskforce of the Western NY Peace Center
Extinction Rebellion Kentucky
Food & Water Watch
Food and Water Action Europe
FrackBustersNY
FracTracker Alliance
FreshWater Accountability Project
Friends For Environmental Justice
Friends of Buckingham
Friends of Penobscot Bay
Friends of Susan Koehne
Friends of the Earth France
Friends of the Earth US - National
Gas Free Seneca
Graduate School of Planning, University of Puerto Rico- Rio Piedras
Green Amendments For The Generations
Green America
Green Party - GA
Green Party of Allegheny County
Greenbank Associates
GreenFaith
Greenpeace USA
Gulf Coast Center for Law and Policy
HEALING & PROTECTING OUR LAND TOGETHER - A CALL TO PRAYER
Healthy Gulf
Hilton Head for Peace
Honor the Earth
Howard County Climate Action, MD
Indigenous Environmental Network
Indivisible
Indivisible Lambertville New Hope
Indivisible NJ5

IWW/DSA

Izaak Walton League of America - Allegheny County chapter

JFK Democratic Club

L&R Georgia

LAWPA (Local Authority Western PA)

Lebanon Pipeline Awareness

LEPOCO Peace Center (Lehigh-Pocono Committee of Concern)

Living Rivers & Colorado Riverkeeper

Love Leitrim, Ireland

Marcellus Outreach Butler

MarchOnHarrisburg

Milwaukee Riverkeeper

MMR Medical

mothers against sport hunting

Mountain Lakes Preservation Alliance

Mountain Watershed Association

Murrysville Watch

NC-APPPL: Alliance to Protect Our People and the Places We Live

New York Climate Action Group

New York Communities for Change

New York Water Action

NJ Forest Watch/Friends of Sparta Mountain

NJ State Industrial Union Council

NJ Student Sustainability Coalition
NJ-08 For Progress
No Methanol 360
No North Brooklyn Pipeline
North Country Earth Action
North Jersey Sierra Club
Northern New Jersey NOW
NW Philly Climate Action Network
NY Renews
NYC Grassroots Alliance
Occupy Bergen County
Oceanic Global
Ohio Valley Environmental Coalition
Oil Change International
Onward Oregon
Orange Residents Against Pilgrim Pipelines
Oregon Physicians for Social Responsibility
Our Revolution Ocean County
OVEC-Ohio Valley Environmental Coalition
Partnership for sustainability
PAX Christi U S A
PDA
Pegasus Foundation
Pegasus Foundation, Patricia Ragan, Executive Director FLA
PennFuture
Pennsylvania Alliance for Clean Water and Air
People for a Healthy Environment
People Over Pipelines
Philadelphia Be The Change
Philadelphia Neighborhood Networks Environmental Action Committee
Philly Boricuas
Philly Boricuas, Adrián Rivera-Reyes, PhD, co-founder, PA
Physicians for Social Responsibility Pennsylvania
Pinelands Preservation Alliance
Plastic Pollution Coalition
Polemics Journal of the Working Class Struggle
Preserve Giles County
Preserve Montgomery County VA
Princeton Coalition for peace action
Progressives for Positive Change, Ann's Choice Senior Residence
Project CoffeeHouse
Property Rights and Pipeline Center
Protect Northern PA
Put People First! PA
Rail Pollution Protection Pittsburgh
Rainforest Action Network
RapidShift Network
Remark
Residents Allied for the Future of Tioga (RAFT)
Resist Spectra
Resolution Media Fund
Responsible Drilling Alliance (RDA)
River Valley Organizing
Rogue Climate, Allie Rosenbluth, Campaigns Director, Southern Oregon
Rogue Riverkeeper
Safe Energy Rights Group
Safety Before LNG, Ireland
Sane Energy Project
SASD – New York
Save RGV, Bill Berg, Board Member, TX
Save the Pine Bush
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Schuylkill Pipeline Awareness
Seneca Lake Guardian, A Waterkeeper Alliance Affiliate
Seven Loaves DBA GOH Productions
ShaleshockCNY
SiemPReSente
Sierra Club Virginia Chapter, New River Valley Group
Sierra Club, Atlantic Chapter
Sisters of St. Francis
Skylands Group-NJ Sierra Club Chapter
SOMA Action
Sourland Conservancy
South Umpqua Rural Community Partnership
Stand.earth, National
Stop Fracked Gas PDX
Stop the Algonquin Pipeline Expansion (SAPE)
Sullivan Alliance for Sustainable Development
Sunrise Movement: West Seattle branch
Sunrise Tacoma
Surfrider Foundation
Suwannee Riverkeeper, John S. Quarterman, FLA and GA
Tennessee Riverkeeper
Texas Campaign for the Environment
The alliance for sustainable communities Lehigh Valley
The Banner
The Climate Reality Project - National
The Last Plastic Straw
The Wei LLC
ThinkOcean Society
Tidewaters gateway Inc.
Turtle Island Restoration Network, Joanie Steinhaus, Gulf Program Director, National
Union Hill Freedmen Family Research Group
Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Sussex County NJ
Unitarian Universalist Justice PA
Universidad de Puerto Rico, Río Piedras
UPSTREAM
UU Congregation of Binghamton, Green Sanctuary
UUJusticePA
Virginia Citizens Consumer Council
Washington Environmental Council
Waterkeeper Alliance, Inc.
Waterkeepers Chesapeake
Waterspirit
We The People NJ-07
Western Environmental Law Center
WildEarth Guardians
Women Against War
Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, Triangle
Wynwood Rehab
Zero Hour

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