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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 - LCN  
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

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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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Schuykill 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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