

It's Time to End Carbon Capture of Climate Policy

An Open Letter to US and Canadian Leaders

On behalf of our millions of members and supporters across the United States and Canada, we call on policymakers to recognize that carbon capture and storage (CCS) is not a climate solution. It is a dangerous distraction driven by the same big polluters who created the climate emergency.

CCS is unnecessary. Renewable energy sources like solar and wind are cheaper and cleaner than fossil fuels. CCS just makes dirty energy more expensive and more energy-intensive.

CCS does not work. CCS projects have systematically overpromised and underdelivered. Despite the billions of taxpayer dollars wasted on CCS to date, the technology has not made a dent in CO2 emissions.

CCS will do little to reduce industrial emissions. Deploying CCS at scale is not economically viable for most heavy-emitting industries, such as plastic or chemical manufacturing. It diverts resources from available and scalable alternatives such as replacing fossil fuels with clean renewable energy sources to supply power and heat, and reusing inputs to reduce the production of virgin material.

CCS makes dirty energy even more dangerous for frontline communities. Facilities equipped with carbon capture technology have to burn more fossil fuel to get the same energy output, resulting in increased emissions of toxic and hazardous pollutants, like fine particulates (PM2.5).

CCS imposes even more risks on communities from CO2 pipelines and storage. Transporting, injecting, and storing CO2 presents new environmental, health, and safety hazards in communities targeted for CCS infrastructure. Pipelines can leak or rupture, and injection can contaminate water sources. These risks fall disproportionately on Black, Brown, Indigenous, and low-income communities, further entrenching a bleak history of environmental racism.

Most CCS benefits polluters. Nearly 80% of captured carbon is used to pump more oil out of the ground through “enhanced oil recovery.” Polluting industries are using the myth of CCS to justify business-as-usual operations that are dangerous for the climate and communities. Pumping even more public funds into new CCS subsidies for fossil fuel and petrochemical industries will just prop up unsustainable business models.

We don't need to fix fossil fuels; we need to ditch them. Instead of capturing carbon to pump it back underground, we should keep fossil fuels in the ground in the first place. And instead of bankrolling CCS, public funds should be boosting sustainable, job-creating solutions to the climate crisis, for fossil-dependent workers and communities: phasing out oil, gas, and coal; investing in energy efficiency and non-combustion renewable energy sources; and protecting forests and other ecosystems that naturally capture and store carbon.

It's time for decision-makers to abandon the dirty, dangerous myth of CCS. We call on you to:

**Stop subsidizing CCS. Stop permitting CCS. Stop using CCS to justify climate inaction.
And don't pretend you're a climate leader if CCS is part of your climate plan.**

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A Community Voice	Climate Justice Alliance	For Our Kids North Shore British Columbia	Long Island Progressive Coalition	Plastic Pollution Coalition	The Climate Mobilization
Action Center on Race & the Economy	Climate Justice Montreal	For Our Kids Toronto	Longmeadow Pipeline Awareness Group	PlasticFreeRestaurants.org	The Climate Reality Project Canada
ActionAid USA	Climate Justice Ottawa	Forest Unlimited	Los Padres ForestWatch	Plymouth Friends for Clean Water	The Enviro Show
Advocates for Springfield	Climate Reality Project New Orleans	Fossil Free California	Louisiana League of Conscious Voters	Post Carbon Institute	The Forest Foundation
AFGE Local 704	ClimateFast	Fossil Fuel Divest Harvard	Lower 9th Ward Neighborhood Watch	Power Past Fracked Gas	The Freedom BLOC
Alabama Interfaith Power & Light	Coal River Mountain Watch	Fox Valley Citizens for Peace & Justice	Manhattan Project for a Nuclear-Free World	Power Shift Network	The Future Left
Alberta Liability Disclosure Project	Coalition Against Death Valley	FracTrackers New York	Maryland Legislative Coalition	Presentation Sisters	The Green House Connection Center
Algaita	Coalition for a Nuclear Free Great Lakes	FracTracker Alliance	Mass Peace Action	Preserve Montgomery County Virginia	The Last Beach Cleanup
Alliance for a Green Economy	Coalition for Outreach, Policy, Education	Franciscan Action Network	Maternal & Child Health Access	Progressive Democrats of America	The Last Plastic Straw
Alliance for Affordable Energy	Colorado Businesses for a Livable Climate	FreshWater Accountability Project	Metro New York Catholic Climate Movement	Public Citizen	The Lilies Project
Amazon Watch	Colorado Small Business Coalition	Fridays for Future Toronto	Michigan Alliance for Justice in Climate	Publish What You Pay United States	The River Project
American Environmental Health Studies Project	Columbus Community Bill of Rights	Friends of Buckingham	Michigan Environmental Justice Coalition	Pueblo Action Alliance	The Wei
American Family Voices	Comite Pro Uno	Friends of the Earth Canada	Michigan Interfaith Power & Light	Rachel Carson Council	Three Mile Island Alert
American Indian Movement Southern California	Committee for Human Rights in Latin America	Friends of the Earth U.S.	Mid-Missouri Peaceworks	Rainforest Action Network	Toledo Coalition for Safe Energy
Animals Are Sentient Beings	Common Ground Community Trust	Fuerza Mundial	Milwaukee Riverkeeper	Rapid Shift Network	Transition Sebastopol
Animas Valley Institute	Community Action Works	Genesis Farm	Minnesota Riverkeeper	Reconstructionist Rabbinical Association	Turtle Island Restoration Network
Anthropocene Alliance	Community Church of New York	Georgia Strait Alliance	MiningWatch Canada	RedTailed Hawk Collective	Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Binghamton Green Sanctuary
Atchafalaya Basinkeeper	Community Climate Council	Glasswaters Foundation	Mission Blue	Redwood Justice Fund/ Prison Radio	Unitarian Universalist Mass Action
Athens County's Future Action Network	Comox Valley Council of Canadians	Global Alliance for Incinerator Alternatives	Moral ReSources	Renewable Energy Long Island	Unitarian Universalists for a Just Economic Community
Atlantic Coast Conference Climate Justice Coalition	Concerned Citizens for Nuclear Safety	Global Justice Ecology Project	Mothers Out Front	Réseau Québécois sur l'Intégration Continentale	United North Metro Denver
Ban Single-Use Plastics	Concerned Citizens of Saint John	Global Witness	Mothers Out Front Tompkins	Resistance Action Tuesdays & Thursdays Pack	United Church of Christ Environmental Justice Ministry
Below 2°C	Concerned Health Professionals of New York	Grand(m)others Act to Save the Planet	Movement Rights	Resource Renewal Institute	Utah Valley Earth Forum
Ben & Jerry's	Concerned Ohio River Residents	Grandmothers Advocacy Network	MoveOn.org Hoboken	Respecting Aboriginal Values & Environmental Needs	Valley Watch
Berks Gas Truth	Conejo Climate Coalition	Grassroots Environmental Education	My Sea to Sky	RESTORE: The North Woods	Verde
Better Path Coalition	Congregation of Sisters of Saint Agnes	Grassroots Global Justice Alliance	Nassau Hiking & Outdoor Club	Rio Grande Valley Great Old Broads for Wilderness	Veterans for Peace Climate Crisis & Militarism Project
Beyond Plastics	Conservation Congress	Great Egg Harbor Watershed Association	Nature Canada	RISE St. James	Wall of Women
Biofuelwatch	Cool Effect	Great Old Broads for Wilderness	Nature Rhythms	River Guardian Foundation	Wasatch Clean Air Coalition
Black Mesa Trust	Cooperative Energy Futures	Great Plains Action Society	Network in Solidarity with the People of Guatemala	River Valley Organizing	Washington Physicians for Social Responsibility
Black Voters Matter Fund	Corporate Accountability	Greater Grand Rapids NAACP	Nevada Nuclear Waste Task Force	Riverdale Jewish Earth Alliance	Washtenaw350
Bold Alliance	Cottonwood Environmental Law Center	Greater New Orleans Interfaith Climate Coalition	New Energy Economy	RootsAction	Water and Air Team Charlevoix
Breathe Project	Council of Canadians / Le Conseil des Canadiens	Green Education & Legal Fund	New Jersey State Industrial Union Council	Safe Energy Rights Group	Waterkeeper Alliance
British Columbia Hydro Ratepayers Association	Courage California	Green New Deal Virginia	New Mexico Environmental Law Center	Sane Energy Project	Waterspirit
Bronx Climate Justice North	Courage Montreal	Green Newton	New York / New Jersey Environmental Watch	Santa Barbara Standing Rock Coalition	West Dryden Residents Against Pipeline
Buckeye Environmental Network	Curr Dynasty Creative	Green Retirement	New York Climate Action Group	Santa Cruz Climate Action Network	Western Organization of Resource Councils
Bucks County Concerned Citizens Against the Pipelines	Damascus Citizens for Sustainability	Green State Solutions	New York Lawyers for the Public Interest	Save Our Illinois Land	Western Rural + Plains States Project
Bucks Environmental Action	DC Environmental Network	Greenaction for Health and Environmental Justice	Ni Bthaska Stand Collective	Save RGV from LNG	Western Watersheds Project
Businesses for a Livable Climate	Deep Green Resistance New York	Green Army	Nobody Leaves Mid-Hudson	Save the Frogs!	White Rabbit Grove RDNA
California Businesses for a Livable Climate	Deep South Center for Environmental Justice	GreenFaith	North American Climate, Conservation, and Environment	Science & Environmental Health Network	Wild Nature Institute
California Democratic Party Environmental Caucus	Democratic Environmental Caucus of St. Bernard Parish	GreenLatinos	North American Water Office	Seniors For Climate Action Now!	WildEarth Guardians
California River Watch	Descendants Project	GreenPeeps USA	North Bronx Racial Justice	Sequoia ForestKeeper	Wilderness Committee
California Safe Schools	Detroit Hamtramck Coalition for Advancing Healthy Environments	GreenRoots	North Carolina Council of Churches	Seven Circles Foundation	Widlight
Call to Action Colorado	Dis Organization for Solar Power	Greenest	North Carolina Interfaith Power & Light	Shenandoah Energy Services	Women Watch Afrika
Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment	Dogwood Alliance	Gulf Coast Center for Law & Policy	North Country Earth Action	Sierra Club Canada Foundation	Women's Earth and Climate Action Network
Canadian Environmental Law Association	Don't Gas the Meadowlands Coalition	Haiti Cholera Research Funding Foundation USA	North Range Concerned Citizens	Sierra Club Delta Chapter	Women's Healthy Environments Network
Canadian Health Association for Sustainability & Equity	Don't Waste Arizona	Harambee House	Northern Michigan Environmental Action Council	Simcoe County Environmental Youth Alliance	Working Families Joliet
Canadian Unitarians for Social Justice	Drawdown Bay Area	Harvard Solar Gardens	Northridge Indivisible	Simcoe County Greenbelt Coalition	Young Democrats of America
Canadian Voice of Women for Peace	Earth Action	Healthy Gulf	No Waste Louisiana	Sisters of Charity Federation	Environmental Caucus
Canadians for Tax Fairness	Earth Care	Heirs To Our Oceans	Nuclear Information & Resource Service	Sisters of Charity of New York	United Youth for Climate Crisis Action
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