Dear President Biden,

As organizations from the United States and around the world, we applaud your decision to halt pending approvals of liquified natural gas (LNG) exports to non-free trade countries to review their impacts to climate, economics, and national security as part of the public interest determination. As you rightly noted, “the climate crisis is the existential threat of our time.” We call on you to expand the pause to include stopping all LNG and related fossil fuel infrastructure permits across all U.S. federal agencies and institute a robust and democratic public comment period as part of the Department of Energy public interest review.

For too long, the fossil fuel industry has had a destructive grip on our governments. Since at least the 1970s, they have known about the harms of fossil fuels and dangers of climate change, and yet they covered it up.¹ Government action has promoted this industry, including over the past decade when U.S. federal policy led to a fivefold increase in U.S. gas exports, fueled by a dramatic increase in fracking and a massive build out of infrastructure. In a short period, the United States went from exporting almost no LNG in 2016 to becoming the world’s top LNG exporter.² The fossil fuel industry’s proposed LNG buildout would be astronomical, further jeopardizing our climate and communities. Taken together, if the pending projects were approved, gas exports would rise to 60% of current U.S. gas production, with an emissions impact of LNG exports from the United States alone exceeding that of the entire European Union.³

Any new development of LNG and associated infrastructure is antithetical to your recognition of climate change as an existential threat to all of us, and your commitment to environmental justice. The best evidence demonstrates that LNG exports are at minimum 27% worse than coal for our climate, given the methane and other emissions associated with the entire life cycle of drilling, fracking, and then liquefaction and transportation.⁴

Beyond the disastrous climate impacts, the risks and impacts of LNG to public health, the environment, and energy costs are considerable, as your administration has rightly noted. Indeed, there is extensive documentation of health, environmental, and public safety impacts of fracking and LNG, with harms ranging from increasing risk of respiratory illness, cancers, increasing infant mortality, and more.⁵ Many of these impacts and harms disproportionately

affect Black, Brown, Indigenous and low-income frontline communities. Additionally, exporting LNG serves to increase domestic energy costs.⁶

Residents of Europe and Asia — where most U.S. LNG is set to be exported to — neither need nor want to see an expansion of LNG imports from the United States. The high climate impacts of LNG are contradictory to the work European and Asian nations are doing to reduce emissions and transition to renewable energy. Europeans struggle with an unparalleled LNG import infrastructure boom expanding overcapacities that are not needed, destroying the local environment and burdening energy consumers who indirectly pay for gas infrastructure. Furthermore, countries in these regions — including many European countries which have banned fracking — do not want to perpetuate the public health harms wrought by drilling, fracking, and processing in communities across the United States. People around the world are also impacted by U.S. LNG expansion and its impact on the climate. Communities in the Global South face impacts not just from expanded fossil fuel pollution, but also disproportionate impact from the climate disasters that fossil fuel expansion is exacerbating.

While the pause in Department of Energy approvals is needed and welcome, it is important to recognize that without further action from your administration, gas exports in the United States are projected to nearly double by 2035.⁷ Further, there are other permits pending with a litany of federal agencies for LNG export projects and related infrastructure. These include the Environmental Protection Agency, Coast Guard, Department of Transportation and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, among others, as their processes will continue even while the Department of Energy pause is in place. It makes no sense to halt LNG on one hand and advance it with the other. All permits for new LNG and related infrastructure should be rejected.

Further, the evidence of the significant harms of LNG exports is overwhelming. Any objective process that looks at the totality of the evidence would conclude that no export project is in the public interest. We, therefore, urge you to require that the Department of Energy, as part of its review, institute a broad and inclusive democratic process with public hearings and a comment period that allows for and empowers the voices of frontline communities, the scientific community, environmental advocates, economists, health professionals, Tribal governments, elected officials, business leaders and concerned individuals.

We appreciate your recent halt to the Department of Energy's LNG approvals. Now, as we face ever worsening climate impacts, we implore you to stand firm, follow the science, let the voices of the public be heard, and direct all federal agencies to stop all pending LNG exports and fossil fuel infrastructure now.

Sincerely,

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AbibiNsroma Foundation – Ghana
Accelerate Neighborhood Climate Action – Colorado
Action for the Climate Emergency – National
ActionAid Denmark – Denmark
Africa Network for Environment & Economic Justice – Nigeria

Alabama Interfaith Power & Light – Alabama
Alliance for Affordable Energy – Louisiana
Alliance of Nurses for Healthy Environments – National
American Jewish World Service – National
Andy Gheorghiu Consulting – Germany
Animals Are Sentient Beings – Massachusetts
Anthropocene Alliance – National
Asian Peoples’ Movement on Debt & Development – Asia
Asociación Argentina de Abogados
Ambientalistas – Argentina
Asociación de Cultura Popular Alborada Gallur – Spain

Association pour la Défense des Droits à l'Eau et à l'Assainissement – Senegal
Athens County’s Future Action Network – Ohio
Aytzim: Ecological Judaism – New York
BankTrack – Netherlands
Be the Change Colorado – Colorado

Beaverdam Creek Watershed Watch Group – Maryland
Berks Gas Truth – Pennsylvania
Berkshire Environmental Action Team – Massachusetts
Berliner Wassertisch – Germany
Better Brazoria: Clean Air & Water – Texas

Better Path Coalition – Pennsylvania
Between the Waters – Ohio
Beyond Extreme Energy – Ohio
Big Reuse – New York
Bold Alliance – National

Boston Catholic Climate Movement – Massachusetts
Breast Cancer Action – National
Breathe Easy Susquehanna County – Pennsylvania
Breathe Project – Pennsylvania
Bronx Climate Justice North – New York

Brookhaven Residents’ Climate Change Committee – Massachusetts
Bürgerinitiative Gegen CO2-Endlager – Germany
Bürgerinitiative Lebensraum Vorpommern – Germany
Bürgerinitiative Lebenswertes Rügen – Germany

Businesses for a Livable Climate – National
Cahaba Riverkeeper – Alabama
California Communities Against Toxics – California
California Nurses for Environmental Health & Justice – California
Call to Action Colorado – Colorado

Campagna Nazionale Per il Clima Fuori dal Fossile – Italy
Campus Climate Network – National
Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment – Canada
Canton Residents for a Sustainable Equitable Future – Massachusetts
Care About Climate – International

Caritas Philippines – Philippines
Carolina Advocates for Climate, Health, & Equity – North Carolina
CatholicNetwork US – National
Catskill Mountainkeeper – New York
Center for a Sustainable Coast – Georgia
Indivisible Scarsdale – New York
Indus Consortium – Pakistan
Ingleside on the Bay Coastal Watch Association – Texas
Institute for Agriculture & Trade Policy – Minnesota
Institute for Policy Studies Climate Policy Program – National

Instituto de Energia e Meio Ambiente – Brazil
Interfaith Power & Light – National
International Marine Mammal Project – International
Interstate 70 Citizens Advisory Group – Colorado
Irthlingz Arts-Based Environmental Education – Washington

Japan Center for a Sustainable Environment & Society – Japan
Jewish Climate Action Network – Massachusetts
Jewish Voice for Peace Northern New Jersey – New Jersey
JFK Democratic Club of Franklin Township – New Jersey
Justice Is Global – National

Kairos Center for Religions, Rights & Social Justice – National
Kamukunji Paralegal Trust Kenya – Kenya
Kaua`i Climate Action Coalition – Hawaii
Koalisi Rakyat untuk Hak atas Air / People’s Coalition for the Right to Water – Indonesia
La Resistencia – Washington

Labor Network for Sustainability – National
Larimer Alliance for Health, Safety, & Environment – Colorado
Latinos Unidos Siempre – Oregon
Laudato Si’ Movement – International
Laudato Si’ Movement Texas – Texas

League of Women Voters New Jersey – New Jersey
Lebanon Pipeline Awareness – Pennsylvania
Lehigh-Pocono Committee of Concern Peace Center – Pennsylvania
Les Amis de la Terre France – France
Les Amis de la Terre Togo – Togo

Limity Jsme My – Czech Republic
Linnton Neighborhood Association Portland – Oregon
Litigância Climática e de Direitos – Brazil
Littleton Business Alliance – Colorado
Liveable Arlington – Texas

Long Island Progressive Coalition – New York
Love Leitrim – Ireland
Make the Road Pennsylvania – Pennsylvania
Market Forces – Australia / Japan
Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns – International

Mayfair Park Neighborhood Association – Colorado
Mekong Watch – Japan
Mental Health & Inclusion Ministries – Colorado
Metro Justice – New York
Micah Six Eight Mission – Louisiana

Michigan Clinicians for Climate Action – Michigan
Mid-Missouri Peaceworks – Missouri
Milwaukee Riverkeeper – Wisconsin
Mind’s Eye Productions – Colorado
Missouri River Bird Observatory – Missouri

MLK Coalition of Greater Los Angeles – California
Montana Environmental Information Center – Montana
Montbello Neighborhood Improvement Association – Colorado
Mother Earth Project – International
Mothers & Others for Clean Air – Georgia
Mothers Out Front – National
Mothers Out Front Tompkins – New York
Move Past Plastic – Pennsylvania
Move the Money New York City – New York
Movement for Advancing Understanding of Sustainability & Mutuality – India
MoveOn.org Hoboken RESIST – New Jersey
Movimento No TAP / SNAM Brindisi – Italy
My Sea to Sky – Canada
Não Fracking Brasil – Brazil
Native Daily Network – National
New Brunswick Anti-Shale Gas Alliance – Canada
New Brunswick Area NAACP – New Jersey
New Energy Economy – New Mexico
New Hampshire Youth Movement – New Hampshire
New Mexico Climate Justice – New Mexico
New Paltz Climate Action Coalition – New York
New York City H2O – New York
New York City Metro Raging Grannies – New York
New York Communities for Change – New York
New York Public Interest Research Group – New York
New York University Sunrise – New York
New/Mode – Canada
Newark Science & Sustainability – New Jersey
Nicaragua Center for Community Action – California
No False Solutions Pennsylvania – Pennsylvania
No Fracked Gas in Mass – Massachusetts
No North Brooklyn Pipeline Alliance – New York
North American Climate, Conservation & Environment – New York
North Braddock Residents for Our Future – Pennsylvania
North Bronx Racial Justice – New York
North East Pennsylvania Green Coalition – Pennsylvania
North Kitsap Indivisible – Washington
North Range Concerned Citizens – Colorado
North Shore Audubon Society – New York
Northern Michigan Environmental Action Council – Michigan
Not Here Not Anywhere – Ireland
Nuclear Ban US – National
Nuclear Energy Information Service – Illinois
Nuclear Information & Resource Service – National
Occupy Bergen County – New Jersey
Ocean Conservation Research – California
Oceanic Preservation Society – National
Ohio Sustainable Business Council – Ohio
Oil & Gas Action Network – National
Oil Change International – International
Oil Watch Africa – Africa
Oilfield Witness – Texas
Olympic Climate Action – Washington
OraTaiao: New Zealand Climate & Health Council – New Zealand
Oregon Physicians for Social Responsibility – Oregon
Organic Consumers Association – National
Organizers in the Land of Enchantment – New Mexico
Our Revolution Corvallis Allies – Oregon
Our Sacred Earth – Colorado
Outdoor Promise – New York
Oxfam America – National
Pacific Environment – California
Palms to Pines Democratic Network – California
Parliament of the World’s Religions –
International
Party for Our Planet – New Jersey
Pax Christi New York State – New York
Peace Action Wisconsin – Wisconsin
Pennsylvania Interfaith Power & Light –
Pennsylvania

People for a Healthy Environment – New York
People of Albany United for Safe Energy – New York
People Power United – National
Peoples Climate Movement New York – New York
Physicians for Social Responsibility Arizona –
Arizona

Physicians for Social Responsibility Colorado –
Colorado
Physicians for Social Responsibility Florida –
Florida
Physicians for Social Responsibility Iowa – Iowa
Physicians for Social Responsibility Maine –
Maine
Physicians for Social Responsibility New Mexico – New Mexico

Physicians for Social Responsibility Pennsylvania – Pennsylvania
Pilsen Environmental Rights & Reform
Organization – Illinois
Plataforma Ciudadana Zaragoza sin Fractura –
Spain
Plymouth Friends for Clean Water – New York
Port Arthur Community Action Network – Texas

Portland Raging Grannies – Oregon
PowerShift – Germany
Presente.org – National
Private Equity Stakeholder Project – National
Progressive Democrats of America – National

Progressive Democrats of America Central New Mexico – New Mexico
Progressive Democrats of America Colorado –
Colorado
Progressive Democrats of America Oregon –
Oregon
Property Rights & Pipeline Center – National
Prosperity for Rhode Island – Rhode Island

Protect All Children’s Environment – North Carolina
Protect Our Water, Heritage, Rights – Virginia
Protect Our Winters New Zealand – New Zealand
Putnam Progressives – New York
Rachel Carson Council – National

Radical Elders – National
Rainforest Action Network – National
RapidShift Network – National
Razom We Stand – Ukraine
RE Generation – Thailand

Re:Wild Your Campus – National
Reacción Climática Bolivia – Bolivia
Resist the Pipeline – Massachusetts
Rise for Environmental Justice – Missouri
Rise to Thrive – National

Rise Up West Virginia – West Virginia
Rivers & Mountains GreenFaith Circle –
Connecticut / Massachusetts / New Jersey /
New York / Vermont
Roctricity – New York
Rogue Climate – Oregon
Roots Action – National

Rutgers American Association of University
Professors – American Federation of Teachers –
New Jersey
Safe & Sound – Illinois
Safety Before LNG – Ireland
Salish Sea Action Collective – Washington
San Francisco Bay Physicians for Social
Responsibility – California
San Luis Obispo Clean Water – California
San Luis Valley Ecosystem Council – Colorado
SanDiego350 – California
Sane Energy Project – New York
Santa Cruz Climate Action Network – California
Save Ohio Parks – Ohio
Save Our Illinois Land – Illinois
Save Our Streams Pennsylvania – Pennsylvania
Save the Environmental Protection Agency – National
Save the Frogs! – International
Say No to LNG – International
Science & Community Action Network – National
Scientist Rebellion Turtle Island – Canada / United States
Seeding Sovereignty – New York
Selkirk Conservation Alliance – Idaho
Seneca Lake Guardian – New York
Sequoia ForestKeeper – National
Seventh Generation – Vermont
Shale Must Fall – International
Sheffield Saves – Massachusetts
Shift: Action for Pension Wealth & Planet Health – Canada
Sisters of Charity of Nazareth Congregational Leadership – International
Sisters of Charity of Nazareth Western Province Leadership – National
Sisters of Charity of New York Office of Peace, Justice, & Integrity of Creation – New York
Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth Office of Peace, Justice, & Ecological Integrity – National
Sisters of Mercy of the Americas Justice Team – National
Sixth Street Community Center – New York
Skeena Watershed Conservation Coalition – Canada
Small Business Alliance – National
Sobrevivencia / Amigos de la Tierra Paraguay – Paraguay
SoCal 350 Climate Action – California
Social Eco Education – California
Solar Wind Works – Nevada
Solarize Albany – New York
Solutions for Climate Australia – Australia
Solutions For Our Climate – South Korea
South Coast Neighbors United – Massachusetts
South Durban Community Environmental Alliance – South Africa
South Sound Street Medics – Washington
South Texas Environmental Justice Network – Texas
Southern Illinoisans against Fracturing Our Environment – Illinois
Southwest Organization for Sustainability – Colorado
Spirit of the Sun – Colorado
Springfield Conservation & Nature Stewardship – Massachusetts
Stand.earth – Canada / United States
Stop the Algonquin Pipeline Expansion – New York
Sunflower Alliance – California
Sunrise Movement – National
Sunrise New Orleans – Louisiana
Surfrider Foundation – National
Sustainable Development Goal Move – Thailand
Sustainable Haddon Heights – New Jersey
Sustainable Mill Valley – California
Sustainable Upton – Massachusetts
Syracuse Cultural Workers – National
System Change Not Climate Change – Canada / Mexico / United States
Take Action Global – International
Tank the Tanks – Oregon
Taproot Earth – International
Teachers Insurance Annuity Association – Divest! – National
Terra Advocati – Texas
Texas Campaign for the Environment – Texas
Texas Impact – Texas
Texas Interfaith Power & Light – Texas
Texas Physicians for Social Responsibility – Texas

The Climate Center – California
The Climate Museum – National
The Earth Bill Network – National
The Enviro Show – Massachusetts
The Natural History Museum – Washington

The Ocean Project – International
The People’s Justice Council – National
The Quantum Institute – New York
The Resilient40 – Uganda
The Revolving Door Project – National

The Wei – New Jersey
The Wellness Feed – Pennsylvania
The YEARS Project – International
Third Act – National
Third Act Ohio – Ohio

Third Act Pennsylvania – Pennsylvania
Third Act Richmond – Virginia
Third Act Tennessee – Tennessee
Third Act Virginia – Virginia
THIS! Is What We Did – National

Tidelines Institute – Alaska
Tompkins County Climate Protection Initiative – New York
Topanga Peace Alliance – California
Toronto 350 – Canada
Trade Justice New York Metro – Regional

Transition Sebastopol – California
Transport & Environment – Europe
Turtle Island Restoration Network – Texas
Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Binghamton Green Sanctuary – New York
Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Corvallis Climate Action Team – Oregon

Unitarian Universalists for a Just Economic Community – National
Unite North Metro Denver – Colorado
United for Clean Energy – New York
United for Peace & Justice – National
United Native Americans – International

United States Climate Action Network – National
University of New Mexico Leaders for Environmental Action & Foresight – New Mexico
Upper West Side Recycling – New York
Uptown Progressive Action – New York
urgewald – Germany

Vermont Climate & Health Alliance – Vermont
Vermont Yankee Decommissioning Alliance – Vermont
Vessel Project of Louisiana – Louisiana
Veterans for Climate Justice – National
Veterans For Peace – National

Voters for Animal Rights – New York
Walkabout Clearwater Chorus – New York
Wall of Women – Colorado
Washington Conservation Action – Washington

Watchdogs of SouthEastern Pennsylvania – Pennsylvania
Waterkeepers Bangladesh – Bangladesh
Waterspirit – New Jersey
We Power DC – Washington DC
Weald Action Group – United Kingdom

WESPAC Foundation – New York
West Texas Legal Defense Fund – Texas
Westchester for Change – New York
Western Slope Businesses for a Livable Climate – Colorado
Wild Idaho Rising Tide – Idaho

WildEarth Guardians – New Mexico
Wilderness Committee – Canada
Win Without War – National
Women’s Earth & Climate Action Network – National
Womxn from the Mountain – Colorado
Working for Racial Equity – Colorado
World Can’t Wait – National
World Friends for Africa Burkina Faso – Burkina Faso
Youth United for Climate Crisis Action – New Mexico
Z Network – National

Zelena Akcija / Friends of the Earth Croatia – Croatia
Zero Hour – International
#UnifyUSA – International
1000 Grandmothers for Future Generations – California
198 methods – National

350 Bay Area Action – California
350 Brooklyn – New York
350 Chicago – Illinois
350 Colorado – Colorado
350 Conejo / San Fernando Valley – California

350 Deschutes – Oregon
350 Eugene – Oregon
350 Hawaii – Hawaii
350 Juneau / Climate Action for Alaska – Alaska
350 Massachusetts – Massachusetts

350 Massachusetts Berkshires – Massachusetts
350 Massachusetts North Shore – Massachusetts
350 Montana – Montana
350 New Hampshire – New Hampshire
350 New Jersey Rockland – New Jersey

350 NYC – New York
350 PDX – Oregon
350 Santa Barbara – California
350 Seattle – Washington
350 Silicon Valley – California

350 Tacoma – Washington
350 Triangle – North Carolina
350 Ventura County Climate Hub – California
350 Wenatchee – Washington
350 West Sound Climate Action – Washington

350 Yakima Climate Action – Washington
350.org – International
7 Directions of Service – North Carolina / Virginia