

8 December 2023

Dear U.S. President Joseph Biden:

The United States arrives at the COP 28 climate negotiations as both the world's largest exporter of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) and the largest historic greenhouse gas emitter. This is a dangerous combination for the global climate crisis.

On behalf of over 300 organizations from over 40 countries around the globe, we call on the Biden Administration to end the permitting of new LNG terminals in the U.S. and to stop financial and diplomatic support for projects internationally.

The global expansion of LNG infrastructure is locking in decades of emissions—endangering the health of people and the planet today and for generations to come, exacerbating environmental injustice in historically marginalized communities, and entrenching fossil fuel sacrifice zones. The Gulf Coast of the U.S. and communities on the frontlines of shale extraction continue to bear the brunt of Big Oil's export ambitions, multiplying existing harms. Meanwhile, in importing countries, U.S. LNG competes with renewables and justifies new polluting infrastructure.

Merely from facilities already under construction, LNG exports from the U.S. are expected to double by 2027. The danger is further magnified by the pipeline of proposed projects, such as the mammoth Calcasieu Pass 2 (CP2) LNG Terminal in Cameron Parish, Louisiana. These pending projects threaten to lock-in an annual 1400 million metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent (CO₂e) emissions — equivalent to 378 new coal plants.

Much has been made of COP 28 and its emphasis on methane. Although leakage across the LNG supply chain helps make the fuel substantially worse for the climate than coal, reducing methane is not a silver bullet and risks justifying further industry expansion. In order to be truly effective, commitments to address methane must be paired with commitments to completely phase out fossil fuels.

The explosion of LNG exports from the U.S. represents an extreme grab of the limited carbon budget remaining to constrain global temperature rise to under 1.5 degrees Celsius, an especially egregious move considering that the United States has already used up far more than its fair share.

Any push for a phase-out of all fossil fuels at COP 28 risks falling flat if the world's leading LNG exporter shows no signs of changing course. We urge the Biden Administration to publicly commit during the COP to no further regulatory, financial, or diplomatic support for LNG in the U.S. or anywhere in the world.

Sincerely,

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Acterra: Action for a Healthy Planet

Action for the Climate Emergency

ActionAid Denmark

ActionAid USA

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Australian Religious Response to Climate Change

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Californians for Energy Choice

Call to Action Colorado

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Canadian Unitarians for Social Justice

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Center for Biological Diversity

Center for Coalfield Justice

Center for Energy, Ecology & Development Philippines

Center for Oil & Gas Organizing

Center for Popular Democracy

Central & Eastern Europe Bankwatch Network

Central Jersey Coalition Against Endless War

Centre for Climate Safety

Centre for Environment, Human Rights & Development Forum

Cherokee Concerned Citizens

Chesapeake Climate Action Network Action Fund

Citizens Caring for the Future

Clean Air Action Fund

Clean Earth for Kids

Clean Energy Action

Climate Action California

Climate Action Campaign of Humboldt Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

Climate Action for Lifelong Learners

Climate Action Network Southeast Asia

Climate Emergency Institute

Climate Generation

Climate Nexus

Climate Reality Project Northern Virginia

Climate Reality Project Western New York

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Colorado Democratic Party Energy & Environment Initiative

Colorado Farm & Food Alliance

Colorado Rising

Common Ground Rising

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Concerned Health Professionals of Pennsylvania

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Earth Day Network

Earth Ethics

Earth Neighborhood Productions

Earth Path Sanctuary

Earthrise Indivisible

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Ecology Africa Foundation

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Elected Officials to Protect America

Emergenza Climatica

Empower Our Future

Environics Trust

Environmental Justice Ministry of Cedar Lane Unitarian Universalist Congregation

Estonian Green Movement

European Young Engineers

Extinction Rebellion San Francisco Bay Area

Extinction Rebellion US

Fairbanks Climate Action Coalition

Fast Action on Climate to Ensure Intergenerational Justice

Food & Water Action Europe

Food & Water Watch

For a Better Bayou

Forum Ambientalista

Fossilvrij Netherlands

Fossil Free Tompkins

Frack Off London

FracTracker Alliance

Freedom BLOC

Fresnans Against Fracking

Fridays For Future Evansville

Fridays for Future Germany

Fridays For Future India

Fridays For Future Lebanon

Fridays For Future NYC

Fridays For Future Orange County

Fridays For Future USA

Friends of the Earth Canada

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Friends of the Earth International

Friends of the Earth Ireland

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Friends of the Earth Malta

Friends of the Earth Spain

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Gen-Z for Change

Gender Action

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Glasswaters Foundation

Global Alliance for Incinerator Alternatives

Global Campaign to Demand Climate Justice

Global Institute for Sustainable Prosperity

Global Justice Now

Global Law Thinkers Society

Greater New Orleans Housing Alliance

Green House Connection Center

Green Longjiang

Green Map System

Green New Deal Virginia

GreenFaith

GreenFaith Southern Colorado

GreenLatinos

Greenpeace USA

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Growthwatch India

Habitat Recovery Project

Hip Hop Caucus

Hope of Africa

In the Shadow of the Wolf

India Climate Justice

Indigenous Environmental Network

Indivisible Ambassadors

Institute for Policy Studies Climate Policy Program

Institute for Sustainable Development Foundation

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International Accountability Project

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Justice Is Global

Kickapoo Peace Circle

Kiko Network

Kingdom Living Temple

Koalisi Rakyat untuk Hak atas Air Indonesia

Larimer Alliance for Health, Safety, & Environment

Laudato Si` Movement Africa

Les Amis de la Terre / Friends of the Earth France

Les Amis de la Terre Togo / Friends of the Earth Togo

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Mayfair Park Neighborhood Association

Mekong Watch

Mental Health & Inclusion Ministries

Micah Six Eight Mission

Michigan Interfaith Power & Light

Mind's Eye Productions

Mom Loves Association

Montbello Neighborhood Improvement Association

Mothers Out Front

Mothers Rise Up

Movement for Advancing Understanding of Sustainability & Mutuality

Movimento No TAP/SNAM Brindisi

Naturschutzbund Deutschland

Naturvernforbundet / Friends of the Earth Norway

Neighbors Against the Gas Plants

Net Impact

Network for a Sustainable Tomorrow

New Alpha Community Development Corporation

New Brunswick Anti-Shale Gas Alliance

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North American Climate, Conservation & Environment

North Carolina Climate Justice Collective

North Carolina Council of Churches

North Carolina Interfaith Power & Light

North Country Earth Action

North Quabbin Energy

North Range Concerned Citizens

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Objectif Zéro Plastique

Ocean Conservation Research

Oil and Gas Action Network

Oil Change International

Oil Watch Africa

Open Plan Foundation

Our Sacred Earth

Pacific Environment

Pak Association for Inspirational Development

Pakistan Fisherfolk Forum

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People Demanding Action New Jersey

People of Asia for Climate Solutions

People's Action

Physicians for Social Responsibility

Physicians for Social Responsibility Pennsylvania

Policy Research Institute for Equitable Development

Port Arthur Community Action Network

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Private Equity Stakeholder Project

Progressives for Climate

Property Rights & Pipeline Center

Protect All Children's Environment

Public Citizen

Rachel Carson Council

RapidShift Network

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Reclaim Finance

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Réseau des Jeunes pour le Développement Communautaire

Residents Allied for the Future of Tioga

Resist the Pipeline

Rete Nazionale No Rigass No GNL

Rinascimento Green

Rise to Thrive

Rise Up West Virginia

San Francisco Bay Physicians for Social Responsibility

Santa Fe Forest Coalition

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Save the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Scoop Independent News

Seventh Generation

Shale Must Fall

Shale Must Fall Ireland

Sierra Club

Sierra Leone School Green Club

Sisters of Charity of New York

Sisters of Mercy of the Americas Justice Team

Small Business Alliance

SoCal 350 Climate Action

Social Eco Education

Society for Nature and Man

Society for the Earth (TNZ)

Solutions For Our Climate

South Asian Fund for Education Scholarship & Training

South Orange & Maplewood Action

Southwest Organization for Sustainability

Spirit of the Sun

Stand.earth

Students for Environmental Concerns at University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

Sunflower Alliance

Sustainable Climate-Smart Resilient Agriculture

System Change Not Climate Change

Texas Campaign for the Environment

The Climate Center

The Enviro Show

The People's Justice Council

The Revolving Door Project

The Vessel Project of Louisiana

Third Act

TIAA-Divest!

Tidelines Institute

Transport & Environment

Trend Asia

Turtle Island Restoration Network

Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa North Dakota

Unitarian Universalists for Social Justice

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Vote Climate

Wall of Women

War on Want

Waterkeepers Bangladesh

We Don't Have Time

Weald Action Group

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Women's Earth & Climate Action Network

Women's Environment & Development Organization

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Working for Racial Equity

Workshop for All Beings

Write for Results

Youth for Climate Hope Philippines

Youth United for Climate Crisis Action

Zelena Akcija / Friends of the Earth Croatia

Zero Hour

1000 Grandmothers for Future Generations

198 methods

350 Bay Area Action

350 Brooklyn

350 Colorado

350 Deschutes

350 Hawaii

350 Juneau: Climate Action for Alaska

350 Sacramento

350 Silicon Valley

350 Triangle

350 West Sound Climate Action

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