

Letter: Oppose S. 704 (European Energy Security and Diversification Act of 2019)

May 9th, 2019

To Members of Congress,

On behalf of our members and supporters the undersigned organizations urge you not to move forward with The European Energy Security and Diversification Act of 2019 (S 704, also HR 1616, and HR 1453), which would increase global dependence on fossil fuels. Instead the United States should focus on transitioning our country and the global economy to clean, renewable energy.

The Department of Defense has long recognized climate change as a serious national security threat. Around the world climate change exacerbates conflicts and destabilizes countries due to water scarcity, food shortages and competition for natural resources. Coupled with rising sea levels and increases in migration, climate change represents a grave geopolitical threat. Thus, the underlying logic of this legislation is deeply flawed. Far from securing a more stable world, expanding exports of Liquefied Natural Gas to Europe will lead to a more unstable world.

The only way to promote real energy security is to work together with Europe to rapidly end our shared reliance on fossil fuels. Our nation should be investing in renewable energy technology and energy efficiency, not setting aside tens of billions of dollars to support fracked-gas infrastructure projects that will keep Europe dependent on fossils. This amounts to a massive corporate giveaway to infrastructure developers as well as fossil fuel interests not only in the United States but around the world, which would receive the benefit of long-term demand, locked in for decades to come.

Expediting the build-out of fossil fuel infrastructure anywhere in the world takes us the wrong direction at a time when we must urgently transition to a low-carbon economy. Exporting gas to Europe leads to expanded hydraulic fracturing (“fracking”) for natural gas across this country, which requires the development of new pipelines, new compressor stations, storage facilities and new export terminals.

Instead of exporting more LNG to Europe, we should work closely with our European friends to rapidly expand the growth of clean, renewable energy. We should collaborate on renewable technologies that will benefit both the United States and Europe, while removing the need for additional fossil fuel expansion at home and abroad.

In light of the current administration’s overt efforts to make it easier for the fossil fuel industry to pollute our air and water, it is more essential than ever that Congress resist efforts to increase fossil fuel production. No energy legislation is better than bad energy legislation that serves to increase our dependence on dirty fossil fuel production instead of advancing energy efficiency to reduce the amount of energy we utilize and building on successful policies to expand clean energy sources such as solar and wind.

We must speed the transition to truly clean energy. Again, we urge you not to support S 704 or any legislation that fails to guide our nation into a clean energy future.

National Organizations

198 Methods
350.org
Aytzim: Ecological Judaism
Biofuelwatch
Center for Biological Diversity
Climate Disobedience Center
Climate Hawks Vote
ClimateMama
Codepink Long Island, Women for Peace
Earthworks
Eco=Poetry.org
EcoEquity
Food & Water Watch
Franciscan Action Network
Friends of the Earth US
Global Witness
Grassroots Environmental Education
Greenpeace USA
Interfaith Moral Action on Climate
Mosquito Fleet
Nuclear Information and Resource Service
Oil Change U.S.
People Demanding Action
Physicians for Social Responsibility
Preserve Giles County
Progressive Democrats of America
Public Citizen
Rachel Carson Council
Rainforest Action Network
RootsAction.org
Sunrise Movement
The Climate Mobilization

State and Local Organizations

350 Boulder County
350 Charlotte
350 Colorado
350 Columbia
350 Conejo – San Fernando Valley
350 CT
350 Massachusetts – Berkshires
350 Montgomery County
350 New Mexico
350 Oregon Central Coast
350 Seattle

350 Spokane
350 Tacoma
350 Triangle
350.org Houston
350atl.org
350Brooklyn
350Dallas
350Kishwaukee
Alliance for a Green Economy
American Association of University Women Kingston
Animals Are Sentient Beings
Anthropocene Alliance
Aquamarine Studio
Athens County's Future Action Network
Benedictine Sisters of Erie, Pennsylvania
Berks Gas Truth
Bethlehem Huddle
Better Path Coalition
Bronx Climate Justice North
Bucks County Concerned Citizens Against the Pipelines
Bucks Environmental Action
BWCUMC Creation Care Action & Advocacy
Central Jersey Environmental Defenders
CEO Pipe Organs / Golden Ponds Farm
Chatham Research Group
Chesapeake Climate Action Network Action Fund
Christians For The Mountains
Church Women United in New York State
Citizens for a Clean Pompton Lakes
Citizens for Clean Water
Citizens United for Renewable Energy (CURE)
Citizens' Climate Lobby Columbia County
Climate and Development Lab, Brown University
Climate Reality Project - Central NJ Chapter
Coalition Against Pilgrim Pipeline NJ
Coalition Against the Rockaway Pipeline
Coastal Carolina Riverwatch
Cody Creek Farm
Columbus Community Bill of Rights
Committee for Constitutional and Environmental Justice
Common Ground Rising
Community Advocates for a Sustainable Environment
Compressor Free Franklin
Concerned Burlington Neighbors
Concerned Citizens For Change
Concerned Citizens of Lebanon County
Concerned Residents of Oxford
Crushing Colonialism

Crystal Coast Waterkeeper
Daughters of Wisdom
Do the Right Thing NJ
Don't Gas the Pinelands Coalition
Dryden Resource Awareness Coalition
Earth Action
Earth Care
Earth Forum of Howard County
Earthkeeper Health Resources
Elected Officials to Protect America
Envioneers
Environmental Justice Task Force of the Western New York Peace Center
Fox Valley Citizens for Peace & Justice
Frack Free Ohio
Franciscan Response to Fossil Fuels
Friends For Environmental Justice
Gas Drilling Awareness Cortland County
Gas Free Seneca
Gas Free Seneca
Global Network Against Weapons & Nuclear Power in Space
Grassroots Coalition
Greater Highland Area Concerned Citizens
Greater New York Labor Religion Coalition
Greenbelt Climate Action Network / 350Greenbelt
Harford County Climate Action
Howard County Climate Action
Illinois People's Action
Indivisible We Rise West Central PA
Jewish Climate Action Network Massachusetts
Lancaster Against Pipelines
LEAD Agency
Lebanon Pipeline Awareness
LEPOCO Peace Center
Livelihoods Knowledge Exchange Network
Marshalls Automotive
Maryland Conservation Council
Nash Stop the Pipeline
NC Alliance to Protect Our People and the Places We Live
Network for Oil and Gas Accountability and Protection (NEOGAP)
New Energy Economy
New York Climate Action Group
New York Public Interest Research Group
NJ Skylands Sunrise Hub
NJ State Industrial Union Council
North American Climate, Conservation and Environment (NACCE)
Northeast Organic Farming Association of New York (NOFA-NY)
Northern New Jersey NOW
Northwoods Climate Action Network

NYC Grassroots Alliance
NYCD16 Indivisible
Occupy Bergen County
Ocean Conservation Research
Orange Residents Against Pilgrim Pipelines
Our Wisconsin Revolution – Northwoods Chapter
Patriots from the Oil & Gas Shales
Pennsylvania Council of Churches
People for a Healthy Environment
People for a Healthy Environment
People Not Pipelines
Physicians for Social Responsibility Philadelphia
Physicians for Social Responsibility, Arizona
Plymouth Friends of Clean Water
Pocahontas County Organic District
Preserve Franklin County VA
Preserve Montgomery County VA
Progressives for Positive Change
Project CoffeeHouse
Project Outreach
Protect Earth
Reach Out America
Renewable Energy Electric Vehicle Association DIY
Resolution Media fund
Responsible Drilling Alliance
River Guardian Foundation
Robert Monk Electric
Rochester People's Climate Coalition
Rockfish Valleys Investments
Sane Energy Project
Save the Pine Bush
Seeding Sovereignty
Seneca Lake Guardian
Shut Down Indian Point Now
Sisters of Charity of New York
Sisters of St. Dominic of Blauvelt, New York
Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia
SoCal 350 Climate Action
Sound Rivers
South Asian Fund For Education, Scholarship and Training (SAFEST)
Southern Illinoisans Against Fracturing our Environment
Southwest Native Cultures
Stop NY Fracked Gas Pipeline
Stop the Algonquin Pipeline Expansion (SAPE)
Stop Trucks Assaulting Rensselaer
Sullivan Alliance for Sustainable Development
SuperNatural Salon
Sustainable Medina County

Sustainable Warwick
Texas Brewshed Alliance
The Climate Mobilization Hoboken
The Lands Council
Thomas Berry Forum for Ecological Dialogue at Iona College
Tidewaters Gateway Partnership
Tinker Tree Play / Care
Triangle People Power
Union County Peace Council
United for Action
Upper Green Side
Vashon Climate Action Group
We Are One River
We The People – NJ07
Weather Medic
West Michigan Environmental Action Council
White Oak – New Riverkeeper Alliance
White Rabbit Grove RDNA
Wimberley Indivisible
Wimberley Valley Watershed Association
Wisconsin Network for Peace, Justice & Sustainability
Wittenberg Center for Alternative Resources