

The Honorable Chuck Schumer
Majority Leader
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Joe Manchin
Chairman, Energy & Natural Resources
Committee
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Frank Pallone
Chairman, Energy & Commerce Committee
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Majority Leader Schumer, Speaker Pelosi, Chairman Manchin, and Chairman Pallone,

The FY2022 Budget Resolution, which has passed both the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives, includes instructions to design a Clean Electricity Payment Program (CEPP). On behalf of our millions of members and activists nationwide, we, the undersigned organizations—including business, climate, environmental and energy justice, democracy, faith, Indigenous, and racial justice groups—**call on you to incentivize the expansion of renewable energy and penalize any expansion of fossil fuels and other false solutions.** We cannot afford missteps like allowing an Electricity Payment Program to be co-opted by polluters looking for another dirty energy subsidy.

Majority Leader [Schumer](#) has highlighted the important role of a CEPP in this Administration's climate goals, asserting that the CEPP, combined with other tax incentives, will account for [over forty percent](#) of the infrastructure package's emissions reduction. In order to pass through the reconciliation process, a CEPP will be structured as a series of incentives and penalties, meant to increase 'clean' electricity sales. Therefore, because the CEPP does not directly regulate a ramp-down of emissions, the determination of what types of energy can qualify for clean electricity payments will be crucial for the effectiveness of the program.

Given this importance, we are deeply concerned with the ways that similar 'technology neutral' energy legislation, including the CLEAN Future Act (H.R. 1512), have proposed to define 'clean'. The flawed concept of 'technology neutrality' has been used to provide greenwashing-cover for dirty energies and it enables polluters to skim funding away from renewable energy. Lumping incentives for fossil fuels and false solutions with truly clean and renewable energy sources [undermines emission reduction goals](#) and [embeds environmental harms](#).

When this Administration created the White House Environmental Justice Advocacy Council (WHEJAC), pursuant to Executive Order 4008, it pledged to include environmental justice in its climate policy. The WHEJAC Justice40 [recommendations](#) are unequivocal that fossil fuels (including fossil gas), CCS, and other false solutions are not beneficial to communities and exacerbate existing impacts especially to Indigenous, Black and other frontline communities. We urge you to heed these recommendations and to not incentivize the expansion of these energy sources through what is meant to be this Administration's flagship climate program.

Considering the seriousness of both the climate emergency and the environmental injustices embedded in our current energy systems, we urge you to ensure the CEPP program does not provide incentive payments--and instead, penalize utilities--for the generation of electricity from fossil fuels and false solutions. This includes: fossil gas with and without carbon capture and storage and other fossil-based technologies; waste incineration and other combustion-based

technologies; bioenergy including biomass, biofuels, factory farm gas, landfill gas, and wood pellets; hydrogen; nuclear; and new, large-scale and ecosystem-altering hydropower, and all market-based accounting systems like offsets. Earlier this year, [over 700 groups endorsed these principles](#) in a letter opposing Clean Energy Standards and endorsing Renewable Energy Standards.

Fossil fuels and false solutions have no place in a sustainable energy future. A CEPP that incentivizes fossil gas and carbon capture and storage will undermine efforts to transition away from our reliance on fossil fuels - a reliance that has created sacrifice zones and disproportional harms on Black, Brown, Indigenous, and other communities of color in this country. Similarly, false solutions like nuclear energy, so-called bioenergies, and large ecosystem altering hydropower have proven to be extractive and unsustainable - creating disproportionate environmental harms and health burdens in environmental justice communities.

We have been heartened by Democratic leadership's support for repealing fossil fuel subsidies through the reconciliation process. We have also been encouraged by [Majority Leader Schumer's announcement](#) that he would not support gas in a federal electricity standard. But allowing fossil gas, captured or uncaptured, to qualify for incentives through the CEPP is antithetical to that effort, effectively repealing existing Big Oil subsidies to pay for a massive new fossil fuel subsidy. Even a partial incentive for fossil fuel resources that attempts to factor in lifecycle emissions will be subsidizing environmental harm for years to come.

The climate emergency cannot be fooled or tricked by legislating that polluting energy sources can now qualify as clean. Likewise, greenwashing dirty energies will not change their environmental injustices. Therefore, we urge you to direct incentive payments solely to proven and ecologically sound renewable technologies, such as solar, wind, and geothermal.

Respectfully,

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Alliance for the Wild Rockies
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Coalition Against Pilgrim Pipeline - NJ
Coalition Against the Rockaway Pipeline
Coalition for a Nuclear Free Great Lakes
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Community Health
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Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the
Good Shepherd, U.S. Provinces
Congregation of Sisters of St. Agnes
Cooperative Energy Futures
Covenant Tribal Solar Initiative - Earth
Island Institute
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Divest NJ Coalition
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Don't Waste Arizona
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Earth Ethics, Inc.
Earthkeeper Health Resources
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EcoHealth Network
Eco-Poetry.org
Empower our Future - Colorado
Endangered Habitats League
Environmental Action Coalition
Environmental Communion of NJ
Association UCC
Environmental Justice Taskforce of the
WNY Peace Center
Environmental Transformation Movement of
Flint

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Food & Water Watch
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Grassroots Environmental Education
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Program
Interfaith Earthkeepers
International Indigenous Youth Council Los
Angeles Chapter
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Jewish Climate Action Network
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Just Transition Alliance
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League of Women Voters of the United
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Long Island Progressive Coalition
Longmeadow Pipeline Awareness Group
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Manatee Clean Energy Alliance
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the Good Shepherd

Native Community Action Council
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NC WARN
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New York Geothermal Energy Organization
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New York Public Interest Research Group
NM Climate Justice

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North Country Earth Action
North Parish of North Andover Climate
Justice Group
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Northern Arizona Climate Change Alliance
Northern Michigan Environmental Action
Council (NMEAC)
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Nuclear Energy Information Service
Nuclear Energy Information Service (NEIS)
Nuclear Information and Resource Service
NuclearBan.US
NY Climate Advocacy Project
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Occupy Bergen County (New Jersey)
Ocean Conservation Research
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Ohio Valley Environmental Coalition
(OVEC)
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Partnership for Policy Integrity
PATH
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Peace Action Maine
Peace Action Manhattan
Peace Action New York State
Pelican Media
People Power Solar Cooperative
People's Justice Council
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Pennsylvania
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Tucson, AZ Chapter
Pinellas County Chapter of Climate Reality
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Northeast
Pivot Point
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Policy Foundation of Maryland
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(PRESS)
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AZ Chapter
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Putnam Progressives
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Resource Renewal Institute
ReThink Energy Florida
Rio Arriba Concerned Citizens
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Rock House Project, Inc.
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San Francisco Bay Physicians for Social
Responsibility
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Snake River Alliance
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Sonoma County Climate Activist Network
(SoCoCAN!)
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Southern Oregon Climate Action Now
Spirit of the Sun

Spottswoode Winery, Inc.
Springfield Climate Justice Coalition
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Stop the Algonquin Pipeline Expansion
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Development
SunCommon
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The Borneo Project
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Three Mile Island Alert
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Transition Sebastopol
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Unitarian Universalist Mass Action
Unitarian Universalists for a Just Economic
Community

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Upper Hudson Peace Action
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