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 disproportionate 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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