

December 8, 2022

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The Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr.
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Washington, DC 20500

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the US House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Charles Schumer
Majority Leader of the US Senate
Washington, DC 2051

CC: Members of Congress

Dear President Biden, Speaker Pelosi, and Leader Schumer,

As leaders of environmental and environmental justice organizations representing millions of members and supporters from across the country, we oppose attaching the Building American Energy Security Act of 2022 to the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA).

This deal prioritizes the interests of the fossil fuel industry at the expense of the environment and health of frontline communities, which are disproportionately Black, Indigenous, communities of color and low-wealth communities – a move that is not in line with President Biden’s commitments to climate and environmental justice.

Congress should instead be advancing efforts that ensure robust public engagement early in project development and strengthen the requirements for agencies to evaluate cumulative health and climate impacts.

Our opposition includes recommending that Senators vote against any amendment that advances any version of the Building American Energy Security Act.

Sincerely,

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