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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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Center for Energy, Ecology & Development Philippines
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Center for Popular Democracy
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Centre for Environment, Human Rights & Development Forum
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Clean Air Action Fund
Clean Earth for Kids
Clean Energy Action
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Friends of the Earth Ireland
Friends of the Earth Japan
Friends of the Earth Malta
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Gender Action
Giniw Collective
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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
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Green Map System
Green New Deal Virginia
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Mom Loves Association
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Mothers Out Front
Mothers Rise Up
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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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Sisters of Mercy of the Americas Justice Team
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Society for Nature and Man
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South Asian Fund for Education Scholarship & Training
South Orange & Maplewood Action
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Spirit of the Sun
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Sunflower Alliance
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Texas Campaign for the Environment
The Climate Center
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The Vessel Project of Louisiana
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