

Oppose Oil and Gas Exports

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Dear Member of Congress:

On behalf of our millions of members and supporters nationwide, we write to ask you to support the Block All New (BAN) Oil Exports Act. This legislation would amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to reinstate the ban on the export of crude oil and ban the export of natural gas produced in the United States.

We cannot address the climate crisis by reducing fossil fuels usage domestically, while simultaneously allowing fossil fuel companies to dump fossil fuels on international markets. Oil and gas exports will also continue a legacy of pollution that is disproportionately impacting environmental justice communities.

Oil and gas exports are on the rise, driven by the fracking boom and enabled by Congress' reversal of the 40-year-old crude oil export ban in 2015. A 2020 report found that oil exports have increased by 750% since 2015, peaking at approximately 3.4 million barrels per day in 2019. As of October 2019, 24% of all crude extracted in the United States was exported. Gas exports are on a similar trajectory. In the first half of 2019, US liquid gas exports averaged 4.1 billion Bcf/d, more than double the daily average for 2018.

The surge of oil and gas exports is driven by a massive expansion of fracking, which has created booms and busts in the 17 years since the Energy Policy Act of 2005 was signed by President George W. Bush. Fracked oil and gas wells decline faster than conventional wells, leaving behind scarred landscapes and tremendous financial liabilities that are borne by taxpayers.

Rather than continuing to allow the oil and gas industry to perpetuate the climate crisis and harm communities locally and globally, Congress should end all oil and gas exports. We urge you to support the Block All New (BAN) Oil Exports Act. We appreciate your attention to this matter and stand ready to work with you to end oil and gas exports.

Sincerely,

All Our Energy
Alliance of Nurses for Healthy Environments
Animals Are Sentient Beings, Inc.
Athens County's Future Action Network
Atlantic Climate Justice Alliance
Bergen County Green Party
Berks Gas Truth

Berkshire Environmental Action Team
(BEAT)
Better Path Coalition
Breast Cancer Action
Businesses for a Livable Climate
CA Businesses for a Livable Climate
Call to Action Colorado

CatholicNetwork US
Center for Coalfield Justice
Center for Common Ground
Chatham Research Group
Church Women United in New York State
Citizens for A Clean Pompton Lakes
Citizens for Clean Air and Clean Water in
Brazoria Co Texas
Citizens United for Renewable Energy
(CURE)
Clean Energy Action - Colorado
Clean Energy Now Texas
Climate Crisis Policy
Climate First: Replacing Oil & Gas (CFROG)
ClimateMama
CO Businesses for a Livable Climate
Coalition Against Pilgrim Pipeline - NJ
Coalition to Ban Unsafe Oil Trains
Coalition to Protect New York
Common Ground Rising
Conejo Climate Coalition
Courage California
Deep Time Chicago
Democratic Environmental Caucus of FL -
Hillsborough County
DirtyGirlsAg
Don't Gas the Meadowlands Coalition
Earth Action, Inc.
Earthworks
Elected Officials to Protect America
Empower our Future
Ethical Culture Society of Bergen County
Extinction Rebellion San Francisco Bay Area
Fairmont MN Peace Group
Food & Water Watch
Fore River Residents Against the
Compressor Station
Fossil Free Tompkins
Frack Action
Frack Free New Mexico
Frack Off Chaco
FracTracker Alliance
Franciscan Action Network
FreshWater Accountability Project

Friends of the Earth
Global Witness
Grassroots Environmental Education
Grassroots Global Justice Alliance
Green Party of Nassau County
GreenLatinos
Greenpeace USA
Hackensack Riverkeeper, Inc.
HealthyPlanet, Inc.
Hilton Head for Peace
International Marine Mammal Project of
Earth Island Institute
Jewish Climate Action Network
Long Island Progressive Coalition
Longmeadow Pipeline Awareness Group
Marshall Sustainability Club
Metro NY Catholic Climate Movement
Mi Familia Vota
Milwaukee Riverkeeper
Morningside Green Committee for
Environmental Sustainability
Mothers Out Front
Mothers Out Front Massachusetts
Movement Rights
MoveOn.org Hoboken
Nassau Hiking & Outdoor Club
New Jersey Tenants Organization
New York Communities for Change
New York Lawyers for the Public Interest
Nomeadowlandspowerplant
North American Climate, Conservation and
North Range Concerned Citizens
Environment(NACCE)
North Range Concerned Citizens
Northjersey Pipeline Walkers
Occupy Bergen County (New Jersey)
Ocean Conservation Research
Oceanic Preservation Society
Oil Change International
OVEC-Ohio Valley Environmental Coalition
Pacific Environment
Patriots From The Oil & Gas Shales
Peoples Climate Movement-NY
Philadelphia Neighborhood Networks

Physicians for Social Responsibility AZ
Physicians for Social Responsibility Florida
Pipe Line Awareness Network for the
Northeast
Plastic Pollution Coalition
Possible Planet
Princeton Student Climate Initiative
Progressive Democrats of America
Progressive Democrats of America
California
Progressive Democrats of America, Tucson,
AZ Chapter
Property Rights and Pipeline Center
QuantumWhale.org
Rachel Carson Council
RapidShift Network
resolution Media
RESTORE: The North Woods
River Guardian Foundation
River Valley Organizing
San Antonio Bay Estuarine Waterkeeper
Save Our Illinois Land
Seeding Sovereignty
Seventh Generation
Sierra Club
Sisters of Charity Federation
SLO Clean Water
SoCal 350 Climate Action
Society of Alternative Resources, Inc.
South Shore Audubon Society
Spirit of the Sun
Stand.earth
Stop the Algonquin Pipeline Expansion
StopNED
Sustainable Wellesley
Texas Campaign for the Environment
The Ohio Valley Environmental Coalition
Toxics Information Project (TIP)
Triple Ethos, LLC
Turtle Island Restoration Network
UConnPIRG
Unite North Metro Denver
United Native Americans
Virginia Citizens Consumer Council
Wall of Women
We The People NJ-07
WildEarth Guardians
Will County Board Member
Zero Hour
198 methods
350 Austin
350 Cape Cod
350 Conejo / San Fernando Valley
350 Eugene
350 Everett WA
350 Humboldt
350 Mass
350 New Orleans
350 Seattle
350 Seattle
350 Silicon Valley
350 Triangle
350Hawaii
350Kishwaukee