July 20, 2023

The Honorable Joseph R. Biden Jr.
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20500

Re: Strengthen Bureau of Land Management Rulemaking (RIN: 1004-AE80) to Phase Out Onshore Federal Oil and Gas Production

Dear President Biden,

Our organizations implore you to rapidly phase down federal fossil fuel extraction and production on public lands, as is necessary to avoid the domestic and worldwide catastrophes of allowing global warming to reach 1.5 degrees Celsius.

We ask that you direct the Department of the Interior (DOI) to use its rulemaking for onshore oil and gas leasing and permitting (RIN: 1004-AE80) to enact a declining rate of federal oil and gas production under the Mineral Leasing Act to near-zero by 2030. To preserve a likely chance of limiting warming to 1.5°C, the U.S. and other developed countries, must end all oil and gas production by 2031.¹

Your administration’s policy of ongoing federal fossil fuel expansion represents a spectacular failure of climate leadership on the world stage. Your decision to approve the Willow Master Development Project drew rightful condemnation from the United Nations’ Secretary General’s office.² Despite your promise to end new drilling on public land, the Bureau of Land Management’s runaway oil and gas program remains wholly untethered to climate goals and has approved more permits for oil and gas drilling on public lands in its first two years than the Trump Administration’s Bureau did in its first two years.³ These permits, including the Willow approval, will result in over one billion tons of climate pollution if not revoked or phased out, equivalent to the annual emissions of hundreds of coal-fired power plants. Our planet cannot afford this pollution.

The latest IPCC report is the last assessment that will be released while governments still have
time to avoid the devastation of warming to 1.5°C. Its findings are unequivocal: unprecedented
action to phase out fossil fuels is absolutely necessary to achieve international climate targets. If
not phased out, existing fossil fuel infrastructure will produce enough climate pollution to push
us past 1.5°C, toward a future of new weather extremes, rising seas, animal and plant extinctions,
and death, especially for the poorest and most vulnerable people. This is why U.N. Secretary-
General Guterres has conditioned participation in September’s Climate Ambition Summit in
September on participants’ commitment to ending permitting for new oil and gas production,
prohibiting the expansion of existing oil and gas reserves, and phasing down fossil fuel
production.

The United States, as the world’s wealthiest country and largest historic emitter of greenhouse
gasses, has both the financial capacity and moral obligation to lead the world in phasing out
fossil fuels to avoid catastrophic climate disruption. In the U.S., this phaseout must begin on the
federal public lands that the DOI controls. Nearly a quarter of the United States’ greenhouse gas
emissions come from public lands under the DOI’s control. The Mineral Leasing Act provides
the authority to manage rates of oil and gas production to avoid catastrophic climate thresholds.
This authority is explicitly retained in every onshore oil and gas lease. The DOI can, and must,
exercise this authority in its current oil and gas rulemaking (RIN: 1004-AE80) to manage rates of
production to near zero by 2030.

Alarmingly, it seems that DOI’s rulemaking instead seeks only the meagerest reforms to royalty
rates and bonding. Allowing more fossil fuel development that is fundamentally incompatible
with avoiding 1.5°C warming, regardless of royalty or bonding rate, is dangerous.

The climate emergency is a grave threat to humanity and a significant driver of the extinction
crisis. The remaining years of your Administration will determine the health of life on Earth for
generations to come. You have the power to lead the way to a more sustainable future. For the
sake of humanity, and all species worldwide, you must act boldly to phase out fossil fuels,
starting with our nation’s public lands.

Urgently,

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350 Central Mass

350 Chicago

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350 Corvallis

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350 Ventura County Climate Hub

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350MA-Berkshires

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Accelerate Neighborhood Climate Action
Action for the Climate Emergency (ACE)
Active San Gabriel Valley
Adventist Peace Fellowship
Africa Institute for Energy Governance
Alabama Interfaith Power & Light
Alameda Creek Alliance
Alaska Community Action on Toxics
All Souls NYC Peace & Justice
Alliance of Nurses for Healthy Environments
Am Kolel Jewish Renewal Center
American Jewish World Service
American Solar Energy Society
Animals Are Sentient Beings Inc
Animas Valley Institute
Anthropocene Alliance
ARTivism Virginia
Athens County's Future Action Network, acfan.org
Aytzim: Ecological Judaism
Back Country Excursions, LLC
Battle Creek Alliance & Defiance Canyon Raptor Rescue
Bay Area - System Change not Climate Change
Bay Area JEA
Bay Area Jewish Earth Alliance
Be The Change - Colorado
Beaverdam Creek Watershed Watch Group
Bergen County Green Party
Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarian Universalists Social Justice Committee
Berks Gas Truth
Berkshire Environmental Action Team
Better Brazoria Clean Air & Water
Better Path Coalition
Between the Waters
Beyond Extreme Energy
Bold Alliance
Breast Cancer Action
Breathe Project
Bronx Climate Justice North
Bronx Jews for Climate Justice
Businesses for a Livable Climate
CA Dem Party Environmental Caucus
CADEM Environmental Caucus
California Communities Against Toxics
California Interfaith Power and Light
Californians for Western Wilderness
Call to Action Colorado
Campaign for America’s Future
Career Awareness And Planning, LLC
Carolina Biodiesel, LLC
CASA
Cascadia Climate Action Now
CASE Citizens Alliance for a Sustainable Englewood
CatholicNetwork US
CELL
Center for Biological Diversity
Center for Coalfield Justice
Center for Environmental Health
Center for International Environmental Law (CIEL)
Center for Popular Democracy
Central Bergen Circle of GreenFaith
Central California Asthma Collaborative
Central California Environmental Justice Network
Central Jersey Coalition Against Endless War
Central Jersey Environmental Defenders
CERBAT
Chaco Alliance
Change Begins With ME (Indivisible)
Chesapeake Climate Action Network
Christians For The Mountains
Church Women United in New York State
Citizens for a Healthy Community
Citizens' Climate Lobby - LA West Chapter
Citizens' Climate Lobby NY Greater Capital Region
Citizens' Resistance at Fermi Two (CRAFT)
Ciudadanos Del Karso
Clean Air Coalition of Greater Ravena Coeymans
Clean Energy Action
CleanEarth4Kids.org
Climate 911
Climate Action Network Southeast Asia
Climate Action Sea Turtles (CAST)
Climate Crisis Solutions
Climate Equity Policy Center
Climate Families NYC
Climate First!, Inc.
Climate Hawks Vote
Climate Health Now
Climate Reality Massachusetts Southcoast
Climate Reality Project Northern Colorado Chapter
Climate Reality Project, North Broward and Palm Beach County Chapter
Climate Smart Missoula
CO Businesses for a Livable Climate
CO Dem Party - Energy & Environment Initiative
Coalition Against Death Alley
Coastal Plains Institute
Codepink San Francisco Bay Area
Color Brighton Green
Colorado Coalition for a Livable Climate
Colorado College
Colorado Jewish Climate Action
Community for Sustainable Energy
Concerned Health Professionals of New York
Concerned Health Professionals of Pennsylvania
Conservancy of Southwest Florida
Cook County Local Energy Project
Cooperative Energy Futures
Cottonwood Environmental Law Center
Citizens Awareness Network
Cudahy Alliance for Justice
Custom Power Solar
Daily Kos
Dayenu: A Jewish Call to Climate Action
DC NATIVES
Delaware Riverkeeper Network
Democratic Socialists of America - Knoxville, TN
Diné C.A.R.E
Divest NJ
Don't Gas the Meadowlands Coalition
Don't Waste Arizona
Down East Coal Ash Environmental and Social Justice Coalition
Earth Care
Earth Care Alliance
Earth Ethics, Inc.
Earth Guardians, INC
EARTHDAY.ORG (Earth Day Network)
Earthworks
East Valley Indivisibles
Eco-Eating
Eco-Logic, WBAI-FM
ecoAmerica
EcoFlight
Elders Climate Action
Elders Climate Action - Arizona
Elders Climate Action, Nor Cal Chapter
Elders Climate Action, So Cal Chapter
Elected Officials to Protect America
Emerson Unitarian Universalist Church
Empower our Future
End Climate Silence
Endangered Species Coalition
Energizing Renewable Growth in Holstein Valley
Energy Justice Network
Environmental Protection Information Center - EPIC
Extinction Rebellion Delaware
Extinction Rebellion Los Angeles
Extinction Rebellion San Francisco Bay Area
Extinction Rebellion US
Extinction Rebellion Western Massachusetts
Fairbanks Climate Action Coalition
Family Farm Defenders
FCCPR Climate Crisis Task Force
Feminists in Action Los Angeles
Fenceline Watch
First Church Unitarian, Littleton MA
Flight Free USA
Florida Student Power
Food & Water Watch
For the Many
Fossil Free California
Fossil Free Tompkins
Fox Valley Citizens for Peace & Justice
FracTracker Alliance
FreshWater Accountability Project
Fresnans against Fracking
Fridays for Future US
Friends of Merrymeeting Bay
Friends of the Bitterroot
Friends of the Earth
GASP (Greater-Birmingham Alliance to Stop Pollution)
Gen-Z for Change
George Mason University Center for Climate Change Communication
Georgia Advancing Communities Together, Inc.
Global Alliance for Incinerator Alternatives (GAIA)
Global Exchange
Global Healing Foundation
Global Warming Education Network
Good Neighbor Steering Committee of Benicia
Good Stewards of Rockingham
Gotham Bat Conservancy
Grassroots Environmental Education
Grassroots Global Justice Alliance
Great Egg Harbor Watershed Association
Great Old Broads for Wilderness Tucson
Greater New Orleans Housing Alliance
Green Compass LLC
Green Party of Erie County New York
Green Party of New York
Green Party of Onondaga County
Green State Solutions
GreenFaith
Greenfield Presbyterian Church
GreenLatinos
Greenpeace USA
Greenvest
Grey Nuns of the Sacred Heart
HA:N United Methodist Church
Healthy Ocean Coalition
Heartwood
Heirs To Our Ocean
High Country Conservation Advocates
Hindus for Human Rights
Hip Hop Caucus
Honor the Earth
Howling For Wolves
Human Dimensions TV, LLC
Human Rights Working Group of the First Unitarian Universalist Society of San Francisco
I-70 Citizens Advisory Group
Idaho Conservation Leauge
ikiyA collective
In the Shadow of the Wolf
Indian Point Safe Energy Coalition
Indigenous Environmental Network
Indivisible Ambassadors
Indivisible Colorado
Indivisible Cranbury
Indivisible Pittsfield
Indivisible San Jose
Indivisible South Bay LA
Indivisible Tacoma
Information Network for Responsible Mining
Inland Ocean Coalition
Inspiration of Sedona
Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy
Institute for Policy Studies Climate Policy Program
Interfaith Council for Peace and Justice
Interfaith EarthKeepers
Interfaith Oceans
Interfaith Power & Light
Interfaith Power & Light (DC, Maryland, Northern Virginia)
International Marine Mammal Project of Earth Island Institute
It Is Time
John Muir Project
Justice Environment
Kentucky Heartwood
Kewaunee CARES
Kickapoo Peace Circle
Labor Network for Sustainability
LaPlaca and Associates LLC
Larimer Alliance for Health, Safety and Environment
Littleton Business Alliance
Liveable Arlington
Livelihoods Knowledge Exchange Network, Inc. (LiKEN)
Living Rivers & Colorado Riverkeeper
Locust Point Community Garden
Long Island Progressive Coalition
Los Padres ForestWatch
Maine Unitarian Universalist State Advocacy Network
Malach Consulting
Maryland Ornithological Society
Massachusetts Interfaith Power & Light
Maternal and Child Health Access
Mayfair Park Neighborhood Association Board
Menlo Spark
Mental Health & Inclusion Ministries
Metro NY Catholic Climate Movement
Michigan Climate Action Network
Michigan Interfaith Power & Light
Michigan Unitarian Universalist Social Justice Network
Mid-Missouri Peaceworks
Mid-Ohio Valley Climate Action
Milwaukee Riverkeeper
Mission Blue
MN350
Mobilized.news
Montbello Neighborhood Improvement Association
Morningside Gardens for Environmental Sustainability
Mothers Out Front Tompkins
Mountain Watershed Association
Movement Rights
MoveOn.org Hoboken RESIST
Multicultural Alliance for a Safe Environment
Nassau Hiking & Outdoor Club
National Religious Coalition on Creation Care
Native Movement
Nature Coast Conservation
NELA Climate Collective
New Energy Economy
New Jersey Tenants Organization
New Mexico Climate Justice
New Mexico Environmental Law Center
New Mexico Interfaith Power and Light
New Mexico No False Solutions
New York Progressive Action Network of the Southern Finger Lakes
New York Progressive Action Network, Greene County
Nia Impact Capital
Nicaragua Center for Community Action
NJ Sierra club
NJ State Industrial Union Council
NM Earthholders
No Fracked Gas in Mass
North American Climate, Conservation and Environment (NACCE)
North American Indian Center of Boston
North Bronx Racial Justice
North Carolina Climate Justice Collective
Northeast Oregon Ecosystems
Northern Arizona Climate Change Alliance
Northern Michigan Environmental Action Council
Novasutras
Nuclear Energy Information Service (NEIS)
Nuclear Information and Resource Service
NY Climate Advocacy Project
NYC Friends of Clearwater
Occidental Arts and Ecology Center
Occupy Bergen County
Ocean Conservation Research
Oceanic Preservation Society
Oil and Gas Action Network
Oil Change International
Olin Climate Justice
Operation HomeCare, Inc.
Our Place in the World: A Journal of Ecosocialism
Our Revolution
Our Revolution Cayuga County
Our Revolution Michigan
Our Revolution New Jersey
Our Revolution Ocean County, NJ
Our Revolution Ohio
Our Revolution Trenton Mercer
Our Wisconsin Revolution
Oxfam America
PA Jewish Earth Alliance
Pacific Environment
PAEAN: Peoples Alliance for Earth Action Now
Palms To Pines Democratic Network
Partnership for Policy Integrity
Patagonia
Pax Christi USA
Peace Action New York State
Peace Action Wisconsin
Peacemakers of Schoharie County
Pelican Media
Pennsylvania Interfaith Power & Light
People for a Healthy Environment
Peoples Climate Movement-NY
Phil Berrigan Memorial Veterans For Peace
Physicians for Social Responsibility - New York
Physicians for Social Responsibility Los Angeles
Physicians for Social Responsibility Pennsylvania
Physicians for Social Responsibility PSR  Colorado
Pi808
Pittsburghers Against Single Use Plastics
Pollution Free Society
Port Arthur Community Action NEetwork
Portland Harbor Community Coalition
Predator Defense
Premier Tech Solutions
Presente.org
Preserve Wild Sante
Primate Conservation Inc
Prince George's County (Maryland) Peace & Justice Coalition
Progressive Democrats of America
Progressives for Climate
Project Coyote
Project Eleven Hundred
Protect All Children's Environment
Protect Our Water, Heritage, Rights (POWHR)
Protect Penn-Trafford
PSR Arizona
Public Citizen
Public Justice Center
Pueblo Action Alliance
Putnam Progressives
Rachel Carson Council
Rainforest Action Network
RapidShift Network
RE Sources
Reconstructionist Rabbinical Association
Redwood Alliance
Resource Renewal Institute
Responsible Alpha
RESTORE: The North Woods
Rethink Energy Florida
Rio Arriba Concerned Citizens
RISE ST. James
Rise to Thrive
Rise Up West Virginia
Rising Communities
Rivers & Mountains GreenFaith
Rocky Mountain Peace and Justice Center
Rogue Climate
RootsAction.org
San Bernardino Valley Audubon Society
San Francisco Bay Physicians for Social Responsibility
San Joaquin Valley Democratic Caucus
San Luis Valley Ecosystem Council
Santa Barbara Standing Rock Coalition
Santa Cruz Climate Action Network
Santa Cruz for Bernie
SASD
Save EPA (former employees)
Save Our Illinois Land
Save Our Shores
Save Our Streams, PA
SAVE THE FROGS!
Save the Pine Bush
Schools for Climate Action
Scientist Rebellion, Turtle Island
SCOPE

SEE (Social Eco Education)
Seneca Lake Guardian
Sequoia ForestKeeper
Seventh Generation
Sheffield Saves
Sisters of St. Dominic of Blauvelt, New York
Small Business Alliance
SoCal350 Climate Action
"Social Action Council
of Dallas First Unitarian"
Social Justice Ministry of Live Oak Unitarian Universalist Congregation
Society of Alternative Resources
Society of Native Nations
Solarize Albany
South Asian Fund For Education Scholarship and Training Inc
South Seattle Climate Action Network
South Shore Audubon Society
Southeast Alaska Conservation Council
Southwest Organization for Sustainability
Sovereign Iñupiat for a Living Arctic
Spirit of the Sun, Inc.
St. Francis de Sales 96th St Laudato Si Team
Stand.earth
Stone Crab Alliance
Stone Quarry House
Stop the Algonquin Pipeline Expansion
Students for Environmental Concerns at The University Of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
Sunrise Movement
Sunrise Movement LA
Sunrise New Orleans
Sussex Health & Environmental Network
Sustainable Mill Valley
Sustainable Upton
Syracuse Cultural Workers
System Change Not Climate Change
TAO
Taproot Earth
Terra Advocati
Texas Campaign for the Environment
Texas Unitarian Universalist Justice Ministry
The Center on Race Poverty and the Environment
The CLEO Institute
The Climate Center
The Climate Reality Project, Western New York Chapter
The Enviro Show
The Green House Connection Center
The Last Plastic Straw
The Mind's Eye
The People’s Justice Council
The Phoenix Group
The Quantum Institute
The Resilient40
The River Project
The Shalom Center
Therapists for Peace & Justice
Third Act Ohio
Third Act Virginia
Thomas Berry Forum at Iona University
Thrive at Life: Working Solutions
Tongass Forest Women's Earth & Climate Action Network
Torah Trumps Hate
Toxic Free NC
Transition Sebastopol
Tucson Climate Action Network
Turtle Island Restoration Network
Unitarian Universalist Advocacy Network of Illinois
Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA)
Unitarian Universalist Church of the Lakes
Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Hidalgo County Texas
Unitarian Universalist Justice Ministry of North Carolina
Unitarian Universalists for Social Justice
Unite North Metro Denver
United American Indians of New England
United For Clean Energy
United Women in Faith
University of Southern California Environmental Student Assembly
UnKoch My Campus
Upper West Side Recycling
Valley Watch, Inc.
Vermont Interfaith Power & Light
Vermont Yankee Decommissioning Alliance
Voces y Manos
Vote Climate
Wall of Women
Wasatch Clean Air Coalition
Waterkeeper Alliance
Waterspirit
WESPAC Foundation, Inc.
West Dryden Residents Against the Pipeline
West End Revitalization Association
Western Environmental Law Center
Western Slope Businesses for a Livable Climate
Western Watersheds Project
Wild Heritage, Project of Earth Island Institute
Wild Idaho Rising Tide
Wild Nature Institute
WildEarth Guardians
WITNESS
Women's Earth and Climate Action Network (WECAN)
Womxn from the Mountain
Working for Racial Equity
Xun Biosphere Project
Youth United for Climate Crisis Action
Zero Hour