

February 17, 2013

President Barack Obama
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President,

Thank you for your recent forceful declarations of the urgent need to fight climate change, your historic actions on fuel standards, and investments in renewable energy.

However, ensuring climate stability, protecting earth resources, and launching an alternative clean energy economy will require these words to become actions. We caution that your emphasis on exploration, production, transportation, and consumption of climate-damaging fuels that pollute the land, water, and air, works against progress on solving the climate crisis.

We need an energy policy focused on **efficiency and conservation, integrated with a clean, renewable energy plan** – one that breaks our addiction to dirty and dangerous fuels such as Coal, Fracked Natural Gas, Nuclear and Tar Sands Oil.

The transition to **solar, wind, geothermal and other renewables** will clean up our air, improving the health of millions, and create thousands of jobs.

We, as a diverse community of Americans of all ages and ethnicities, stand with you to make the hard choices to say no to extreme fossil fuel energy proposals and their extreme cost and associated impacts.

We have the following demands:

- Reject completion of the **Keystone XL tar sands oil pipeline**, which would threaten major rivers and the Ogallala Aquifer in the Midwest, transporting toxic corrosive tar sands bitumen that burns over three times more carbon than conventional oil, and would destroy a Florida-sized section of Alberta's Boreal Forest.
- **Ban fracking and extreme drilling** on federal lands and in offshore waters.
- Using the Clean Air Act, the Environmental Protection Agency should set ambitious, fair, and flexible standards **to limit carbon pollution from power plants** by 25 percent by 2020.
- Become a **global leader in reducing dangerous carbon pollution** and clean renewable energy generation.

We urge strong action to follow the determined declarations in your Inaugural and State of the Union addresses. **If not now, Mr. President, then when?** We want the world to remember you as the president who led the fight to heal our planet. The fate of our children and their children and all future generations depends upon you.

Sincerely,

Forward on Climate LA Rally Participants

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~ We Stand In Solidarity ~

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99Rise
Against the Stream Buddhist Meditation Society
Allesandro's Chapter of Coalition for Educational Justice
Alliance for Climate Education
Amazon Watch*
ARC Sustainability
Arroyo S.E.C.O Network of Time Banks
Arts Earth Partnership
Biodiesel Coop of Los Angeles
Burbank Green Alliance*
California Student Sustainability Coalition
CALPIRG
Center for Biological Diversity
Citizens Climate Lobby *
Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice (CLUE-LA)
Coalition Against Nukes LA*
Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles
CodePink
Communities for a Better Environment
CRSP Institute for Urban Ecovillages
Dance 4 Oceans
dubroWORKS PR*
Earth Resource Foundation
EarthWe
EcoWatch
Environment California
Environmental Action Group at Mt. San Antonio College
Food and Water Watch*
Friends of Harbors, Beaches, and Parks
Godless Liberal Social Society
Green Business Networking
Green Economy Think Tank
Green Party of Los Angeles County
Hippo Works
Hunger Action LA
Idle No More – Los Angeles
IKAR
IKAR Green Action
Jimmy Dore, comedian
LA Bioneers
LA Green Festival *
LA Green Drinks
LA Greens
LA Progressive
LAANE
League of Women Voters LA
League of Women Voters Pasadena Area
Leslie Iwerks Productions
Living Economy Salon
Long Beach Coalition for a Safe Environment
Long Beach Greens
Los Angeles Eco-Village
Los Angeles League of Conservation Voters
Martin Luther King Coalition of Los Angeles
Miss R*EVOLutionaries
Moana Nui Action Alliance
Move To Amend
MoveOn WLA
My Generation LA/IE
NELA Transition
NextAid
NRDC
Occupy LA
Occupy Long Beach
Occupy the Hood Los Angeles Action Assembly
Occupy Venice
Occupy Whittier
Orange County Interfaith Coalition for the Environment
Pacoima Beautiful
Physicians for Social Responsibility - Los Angeles
Planet Rehab*
Progressive Christians Uniting
Progressive Democrats of the Santa Monica Mountains
Re-Power L.A. Coalition
Residents Organized for a Safe Environment
Sierra Club Angeles Chapter
Sierra Club Beyond Coal Campaign*
Sierra Club Beyond Oil Campaign
Sierra Club Orange County Global Warming Committee
Southern California Ecumenical Council
Stakeholders Capital
Stop Fooling CA
Strategic Actions for a Just Economy
Surfrider West La Malibu Chapter
Sustainable Works
Synergy TV
Tar Sands Action Southern California*
The Morningstar Foundation
Transition San Fernando Valley
Union Ave. Elementary Beyond Carbon Science Club.
USGBC-LA
Valley Democrats United
West LA Democratic Club
Westchester Democratic Club
Wild Heritage Planners
WilderUtopia*

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