## Organizational Sign-On Letter In Support of the Fracking Ban Act (S. 3247 and HR 5857)

Dear Member of Congress,

At a time when study after study reveals the urgent need to rapidly move away from fossil fuels and onto 100% renewable energy, we write to express our strong support for the Fracking Ban Act, S. 3247 and HR 5857 (Sanders, I-VT and Ocasio-Cortez, D-NY).

As we witness increasingly extreme impacts of the climate crisis, the federal government must act to stop the expansion of fossil fuels. According to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, greenhouse gas emissions must be cut nearly in half by 2030, and reach 'net zero' by 2050. For over 15 years, fracking has delayed a transition to renewable energy and contributed to dangerously accelerating levels of atmospheric methane. Methane traps 86 times more heat over a 20-year period than carbon dioxide, and the rapid growth of fracking in the past decade has led to a surge in methane emissions. Pervasive leaks of methane make fracked gas as dangerous as coal: even if every coal plant were replaced by gas-generated electricity by 2030, emissions would continue to grow through 2050.

Fracking has a devastating impact on public health at the local level. According to Physicians for Social Responsibility's annual compendium of the science on fracking and public health, living near fracking is associated with a variety of negative health outcomes. At least 55 known or possible carcinogens may be released into our air and water during fracking operations. Living near fracking sites adversely affects health and pregnancy, raising risks for preterm birth and low birth weights as well as asthma, skin and sinus conditions, and headaches.

Finally, fracking and related infrastructure projects poisons our air and water and destroys our public lands and wildlife. Fracking has been found to directly contaminate groundwater, and fracking wastewater has polluted countless rivers and streams. This wastewater has also contaminated food supplies in places where farming and fracking overlap.

In addition to banning fracking and fracked gas infrastructure, it is critical to prioritize support for communities who have historically been harmed first and most by the dirty energy economy and workers in the energy sector and related industries. To ensure a fair and just transition from fossil fuels to renewable energy, a comprehensive economic plan must be designed, built and governed by communities and workers.

The Fracking Ban Act takes several critical steps to protect our climate, water, and health from the impacts of fracking and climate chaos:

- Prohibits all federal agencies from issuing permits for new fracking or fracking infrastructure, including
  pipelines, liquefied natural gas or oil export terminals, natural gas storage, ethane cracker plants,
  natural gas power generation plants, or other infrastructure intended to extract, transport, or burn
  natural gas or oil.
- Revokes permits for current fracking wells within 2,500 ft of homes, schools, or other inhabited structures.
- Establishes a multi-agency, multi-stakeholder Just Transition Committee, led by the Department of Labor, to develop recommendations to ensure the health and prosperity of natural gas and oil producing regions.
- Bans the practice of fracking nationwide beginning January 1, 2025.

The climate emergency presents an existential threat to all people on this planet, and time is running out. The Fracking Ban Act is a critical piece of legislation that will protect millions of Americans from the dangers of fracking, and will help to finally end our dependence on fossil fuels. We urge you to co-sponsor this important legislation and publicly and forcefully advocate for its passage.

## **National Organizations**

Beyond Extreme Energy Break Free From Plastic Breast Cancer Action CatholicNetwork.US

Center for Biological Diversity

Center for Food Safety

Center for Rural Enterprise and Environmental Justice

Christians For The Mountains

Climate Hawks Vote Climate Justice Alliance Conceivable Future Democracy for America

Earthworks

Elders Action Network Food & Water Action

Food Empowerment Project

Frack Action

FracTracker Alliance
Friends of the Earth U.S.
Fund for Wild Nature

Great Old Broads for Wilderness

Greenpeace U.S.

Indigenous Environmental Network Interfaith Moral Action on Climate

International Marine Mammal Project of Earth Island

Institute

**Mothers Out Front** 

Movement for a People's Party

MoveOn

Nature Abounds

Nuclear Information and Resource Service

Oil Change International

Patriots From The Oil & Gas Shales

People's Action

People's Health Movement – USA Physicians for Social Responsibility Progressive Democrats of America Protect All Children's Environment

Public Laboratory for Open Technology and Science

Rachel Carson Council Seeding Sovereignty

Sierra Club

Solidaire Action Fund
Sunrise Movement
Surfrider Foundation
The Climate Mobilization

WE ACT for Environmental Justice

We Exist Too

WildEarth Guardians

Young Democrats of America

198 Methods 350.org

## **State and Local Organizations**

**ACT4CLIMATE** 

Adventures in Waste

Advocates for Cherry Valley Advocates for Springfield

Advocates for Urban Agriculture

Aliso Moms Alliance

Alliance for a Green Economy Alliance for the Wild Rockies Americans Against Fracking Andover No Frack Waste

Animals Are Sentient Beings, Inc.

Annapolis Green

Appalachian Gas Working Group

Aquamarine Studio Arkansas Rising!

Arroyo Hondo Land Trust Art and Soul Art Therapy, LLC Arvadans for Progressive Action Ashford Clean Energy Task Force

Athens County's Future Action Network, aka Athens

County (OH) Fracking Action Network

Aytzim: Ecological Judaism Backbone Campaign Ballona Institute Baltimore Free Farm

Bay Area-System Change not Climate Change

Be The Change - Colorado

Beaver County Marcellus Awareness Community

Benedictine University

Bergen SWAN
Berks Gas Truth
Better Path Coalition
Beyond Plastics

Big Reuse

Binghamton Regional Sustainability Coalition

Biofuelwatch Blue Sky Institute

**Bold Iowa** 

Boston Clean Energy Coalition

**State and Local Organizations (con't)** 

Breathe Easy Susquehanna County

Bronx Climate Justice North Broome Tioga Green Party Broomfield Concerned

Broward Chapter Democratic Environmental Caucus of

Florida

Broward County Sierra Club Buckeye Environmental Network

Bucks County Concerned Citizens Against the Pipelines

**Bucks Environmental Action** 

Bus for Progress Cahaba Riverkeeper

Calhoun county citizens against fracking

California Young Democrats Environmental Caucus

Californians for Western Wilderness

Call to Action – Colorado Capitol Area Greens (Michigan)

Catskill Mountain Bees Catskill Mountainkeeper

Center for Sustainable Economy

Central California Asthma Collaborative

Central Connecticut State University Sustainability Club

Central Illinois Chapter, Progressive Democrats of

America

Central Jersey Coalition Against Endless War Central Jersey Environmental Defenders

Central Park West CSA

CEO Pipe Organs/Golden Ponds Farm

**CERBAT INC** 

Chapel Hill Organization for Clean Energy

Chatham Research Group Chicago Area Peace Action

Church Women United in New York State

Citizen Advocates for a Sustainable Environment-

Sycamore

Citizen Science Community Resources, Inc Citizens Coalition for a Safe Community

Citizens for Informed Land Use

Citizens for Safe Water Around Badger (CSWAB)

Citizens For Water

Citizens United for Renewable Energy (CURE)

Citizens' Environmental Coalition Clean Energy TAsk Force, Chester CT

Climate Action Group of the Unitarian Society of

Northampton and Florence

Climate Action Now Western Massachusetts

Climate Crisis Policy

Climate Reality Project: Susquehanna Valley Chapter

Cloyd Mt.Foundation

Coalition Against Pilgrim Pipeline - NJ Coalition Against the Rockaway Pipeline Coalition to Ban Unsafe Oil Trains Coalition to Protect New York

Collaborative Center for Justice, Inc Colorado Rising

Columbia Riverkeeper

Columbus Community Bill of Rights
Committee to Preserve the Finger Lakes
Communities First Sewickley Valley
Communities for a Better Environment

Community Advocates for a Sustainable Environment

Community Free Democrats
Compressor Free Franklin

Concerned Citizens of Rural Broome Concerned Families of Westchester

Concerned Health Professionals of New York

Concerned Ohio River Residents
Concerned Residents of Oxford
Connecticut Citizen Action Group
Connecticut Shoreline Indivisible

Conradina Chapter Fl. Native Plant Society

Conservation Coalition
Cooper River Indivisible

Center for Reflection, Education and Action,, Inc.

Cream of the Crop CSA
CT Fracked Gas Pipeline Group
CT Shoreline Green Party

CT State Representative David Michel

**D&G** Consulting

Damascus Citizens for Sustainability

Dancing Bee Gardens

Daughters of Wisdom US Province Delaware Riverkeeper Network

Democracy for America - Fairfield County

Denton Drilling Awareness Group Dominican Sisters of Blauvelt, NY Dominican Sisters of Sparkill

Don't Gas the Meadowlands Coalition

Don't Gas the Pinelands Don't Waste Arizona Down to Earth Storytelling

Dryden Resource Awareness Coalition

Earth Action, Inc. Earth Care

Earth Holders Community

Earth Justice Ministry of First Unitarian Society of

Milwaukee

Earthkeeper Health Resources
Eastern CT Green Action

Echotopia LLC Eco-Eating

Eco-Justice Center
Eco-Justice Collaborative
Eco-Logic, WBAI-FM
ECO-POETRY.ORG

Eight Rivers Council

El Paso Equal Voice Network

Elders Climate Action- Massachusetts Chapter

Elgin Green Groups350.org

Elmirans & Friends Against Fracking

Environeers

**Environmental Caucus of Florida** 

Environmental Justice Committee, First Congregational

Church Lebanon CT

Environmental Justice Taskforce of the WNY Peace

Center

**Environmental Protection Information Center** 

Environmentalists Against War Erie County Green Party

Escambia County Democratic Environmental Caucus of

Florida

Eugene Interfaith Earthkeepers

Extinction Rebellion Hudson Highlands

Extinction Rebellion Kentucky
Extinction Rebellion Willimantic

Families Advocating for Chemical and Toxics Safety

(FACTS)

Florida EcoSattva Group Food Rescue Baltimore Fossil Free Rhode Island

Foundation for Florida Environmental Protection

Fox Valley Citizens for Peace & Justice

Frack Free Boulder
Frack Free Four Corners
Frack Free Illinois
Frack-Free Frostburg
FrackBusters NY

Franciscan Response to Fossil Fuels Franciscan Sisters of the Atonement

Franklin County Continuing the Political Revolution

FreshWater Accountability Project Ohio

Fresnans Against Fracking Friends of Bell Smith Springs Gas Drilling Awareness for Cortland County

Gas Free Seneca

Gasp

Genesis Farm Geos Institute

Global Catholic Climate Movement - Denver

Grassroots Environmental Education
Great Egg Harbor Watershed Association

Greater Boston Physicians for Social Responsibility

Greater Highland Area Concerned Citizens Greater New York Labor Religion Coalition

Green America Green Eco Warriors

Green Education and Legal Fund

Green Map System Green Newton

Green Party of Butler And Venango Counties

Green Party of Michigan Green Party of Nassau County Green Party of Tennessee

Green Party of U.S. Elder Caucus In-Formation

Green Retirement, Inc.

Green Sanctuary, Climate Justice Group of the Unitarian

Universalist Church of Reading

GreenFaith Florida Ground Game LA

Guernsey County Citizens Support on Drilling Issue

Guilford Peace Alliance Hands Across the Sand / Land Harford County Climate Action Harris Management Services, LLC

Hartford Advisory Commission on the Environment

Health Professionals for a Healthy Climate

HealthyPlanet

Hillsborough county democratic environmental caucus

of FL

Hometown Action

Howard County Climate Action www.HoCoClimateAction.org Hudson River Sloop Clearwater, Inc.

Hudson Valley Green Party Idaho Sporting Congress Idle No More SF Bay iEat Green, LLC

Illinois People's Action Inland Ocean Coalition Inspiration of Sedona

Institute for Policy Studies Climate Policy Program

Interfaith Earth Network of Southeastern Wisconsin

Interreligious Eco-Justice Network

Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement

Irving Impact

Jewish Climate Action Network - MA Jewish Climate Action Network NYC

Judson Memorial Church

Kids Think Big

Klamath Forest Alliance Knowdrones.com

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Lehigh-Pocono Committee of Concern Peace Center

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Los Padres ForestWatch Louisiana Bucket Brigade

Lower Raritan Watershed Partnership

Maine People's Alliance Marcellus Outreach Butler Maryland Legislative Coalition

Maryland United for Peace and Justice Metro N.Y. Catholic Climate Movement

Mid-Missouri Peaceworks

Midwest Environmental Justice Organization

Milwaukee Riverkeeper

MLK Coalition of Greater Los Angeles

MN350

MOM's Organic Market Movement Rights

MoveOn.org - Honoken RESIST

Multicultural Alliance for a Safe Environment

Nassau Hiking & Outdoor Club Native Ecosystem Council Nature Coast Conservation, Inc. Nature's Trust Rhode Island

NC WARN

New Energy Economy

New Haven Climate Movement
New HavenLeon Sister City Project
New Jersey Tenants Organization
New Jersey Tenants Organization
New Mexico Interfaith Power and Light

New York Climate Action Group New York Climate Action Group New York Communities for Change

New York Heartwoods

New York Interfaith Power & Light

New York Progressive Action Network - Enviro

Committee

New York Public Interest Research Group

New York Youth Climate Leaders Newark Science and Sustainability, Inc. Newtown Environmental Action Team

NJ Sierra Club Central Group NJ Skylands Sunrise Hub

NJ State Industrial Union Council

NMEAC 9 Northern Michigan environmental Action

Council

No Fracking Palm Beach No Fracking Waste Clinton CT No More Dirty Power in Killingly

North American Climate, Conservation and

Environment(NACCE) North Bronx Racial Justice North Country 350 Alliance

North Jersey Sierra North Kitsap Indivisible North Shore Audubon Society

Northeast Organic Farming Association of New York

(NOFA-NY)

Northern New Jersey NOW

Northof52

Norwalk River Watershed Association Nuclear Energy Information Service -NEIS-

NYC Friends of Clearwater NYC Grassroots Alliance

NYC H2O

NYC Safe Energy Campaign

NY CD16 Indivisible
Occupy Bergen County
Ocean Conservation Research

Office of Peace, Justice, and Ecological Integrity/Sisters

of Charity of Saint Elizabeth

Ohio Valley Environmental Coalition

Olympic Climate Action
On Behalf Of Planet Earth

Orange Residents Against Pilgrim Pipelines Oregon Physicians for Social Responsibility

Otsgeo 2000, Inc.

Otzchinachson Sierra Club chapter Our Children's Trust – Colorado Our Health Our Future Our Longmont Our Revolution Southern Oregon
Our Water Our Air Our Rights

Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church Green Team

Panta Rhea Foundation

Park Watershed Pasco Activists

Peacemakers of Schoharie County NY

Pelican Media

Peninsula Peace & Justice Pennsylvania Council of Churches

People Demanding Action

People for a Healthy Environment

People Over Pipelines

Peoples Climate Movement-NY

Philly Neighborhood Networks

Physicians for Social Responsibility - Colorado

Physicians for Social Responsibility - Pennsylvania Physicians for Social Responsibility - Arizona Physicians for Social Responsibility - Florida

Pilsen Environmental Rights and Reform Organization

Planting Justice

PNM Shareholders for a Responsible Future

Pomfret Green Team

Portland Clean Energy Task Force

Possible Planet

Potomac Riverkeeper Network

**PRBB Foundation** 

Presentation Sisters Justice Commission

Preserve Monroe

Prince George's County Peace & Justice Coalition

Prison Action Network

Progressive Democrats of America, Tucson, AZ Chapter

Progressive Women of Pelham

Project CoffeeHouse

ProsperityForRI.com
Protect Orange County

Pueblo Action Alliance Putnam Progressives

Rachel Ventura for Congress RadioactiveWasteAlert.org

Rainforest Relief
Reach Out America
Religious Along the River
Renewable Energy Long Island
Rensselaer Community Action

Residents Allied for the Future of Tioga

Resist Spectra

Resource Renewal Institute

ReThink Energy Florida Rights & Democracy

Rio Arriba Concerned Citizens

RiSE

Rising Tide North America River Guardian Foundation

Riverkeeper

**Robinwood Center** 

Rochester People's Climate Coalition
Rocky Mountain Peace and Justice Center

Rootskeeper

Roseland Against Compressor Station

Sacred River Healing
Safe Energy Rights Group

SanDiego350

Sane Energy Project

Sanford-Oquaga Area Concerned Citizens Santa Barbara Standing Rock Coalition Santa Cruz Climate Action Network

Save Our Illinois Land Save Our Shores Save Porter Ranch

Save RGV

School Sisters of Notre Dame Cooperative Investment

Fund

Securing Economic and Energy Democracy for SW NM

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Shoreline Unitarian Universalist Society

Show Up LI Signal Fire

Sisters of Charity Federation

Sisters of Charity of Our Lady of Mercy Sisters of St. Dominic of Blauvelt, New York

Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia Skylands Group, NJ Sierra Club Chapter

SLO Clean Water Slow Food North Shore SoCal 350 Climate Action Softcomptech, Inc.

Softcompteen, inc Solar Wind Works Solarize Albany Something Wolfy

South Asian Fund For Education, Scholarship and

Training

South Carolina Interfaith Power and Light

South Central Michigan Greens
South Coast Neighbors United

Southern Illinoisans Against Fracturing our Environment

Southwest Native Cultures Spottswoode Winery, Inc.

Stand.earth Stardust

Stop NY Fracked Gas Pipeline

Stop the Algonquin Pipeline Expansion Students For Environmental Concerns

Sullivan Area Citizens for Responsible Energy

Development
Sunflower Alliance
Sunrise Connecticut

Sunrise Movement Los Angeles
Sunrise Movement Morris County Hub

Sunrise Movement New Haven
Sunrise Movement Santa Barbara

Sunrise Sequoyah Sustainable Upton Sustainable Warwick

**TALK Environmental Committee** 

Texas Drought Project
Texas Grassroots Network

The Center for Environmental Transformation The Chicago Youth Alliance for Climate Action

The Climate Mobilization Hoboken Chapter
The Climate Mobilization-Santa Barbara Chapter
The Climate Reality Project, Fort Lauderdale

The Ecology Party of Florida

The Lands Council
The People's Lobby

The Resistance - Northridge, Indivisible

The Story of Stuff Project The Strebel Planning Group

The Town of Otsego

Three Parks Independent Democrats

Together Colorado, Climate Justice, Faith in Action

Network

Topanga Peace Alliance

Town of Windham Energy Commission

Toxics Action Center Campaigns
Toxics Information Project

Transition Catskills Transition Sebastopol

Transition US

Tri County NY Transition

Unitarian Universalist Pennsylvania Legislative

Advocacy Network

Unitarian Universalist Society East Sustainable Living

Committee
United for Action

United Native Americans UO Climate Justice League

Upper Unadilla Valley Association Upper Valley Affinity Group (Vermont)

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USNH Unitarian Society of New Haven

UU Congregation of Binghamton, Green Sanctuary

**UUFSC Faith Action N**J

UUPLAN Environmental Justice Team Vestal Residents for Safe Energy

Vitale Therapeutics, Inc.
Voters of Watchung Hills
Walkabout Clearwater
Wall of Women Colorado
Wasatch Clean Air Coalition

Washington Environmental Council

Washtenaw350 Waste Not Frack Not

WATCH, Inc

Waters Without Borders

Waterspirit

We The People NJ-07 Weather Medic Inc WESPAC Foundation, Inc.

West Berkeley Alliance for Clean Air and Safe Jobs

West Branch Conservation Association Western Environmental Law Center Western Maryland Green New Deal

What the Frack?! Arapahoe White Rabbit Grove RDNA

WI Network for Peace, Justice & Sustainability

WildWest Institute

Wind of the Spirit Immigrant Resource Center Windsor Citizens for a FRACKING Waste Ban

Winvah Rivers Alliance

Wisconsin Grassroots Network

Wisconsin Network for Peace, Justice & Sustainability

Womens March Central Gulf Coast FL

Xun Biosphere Project

Youth United for Climate Crisis Action

Zero Hour Seattle #TakeBacktheGrid

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- 350 New Mexico
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- 350 Santa Barbara
- 350 Seattle
- 350 Silicon Valley
- 350 South Bay Los Angeles
- 350 Spokane
- 350 SW Idaho
- 350 Tacoma
- 350 Triangle
- 350 West Sound Climate Action
- 350 Yakima
- 350Brooklyn
- 350Dallas
- 350Eugene
- 350Kishwaukee (IL)
- 350Merced.org
- 350NYC
- 350PDX
- 350Wenatchee
- 5G Free California