

Dear U.S. Senators and Members of Congress,

As leaders in our communities concerned about the environmental impacts and economic consequences of our current energy practices, we urge you to back a rapid and steady transition to an economy powered by clean, renewable resources. Specifically, we are asking you to co-sponsor and support Senate and House bills, which set a goal of meeting America's energy needs with 100 percent renewable energy and expanding access to the benefits of clean energy to all, including historically underserved and disadvantaged communities.

Burning coal, oil and gas is polluting our air, water and land. It is harming our health and changing our climate even faster than scientists predicted. At the same time, low-income communities, communities of color and indigenous people often bear a disproportionate share of the impact.

We can have healthier, more vibrant communities and a livable future for kids growing up today, but to get there, we must transform the ways we produce and consume energy. That has to start with a commitment to 100 percent clean, renewable energy.

Thanks to local, state and federal programs, renewable energy is growing faster than anyone could have imagined. Clean energy is nearing a tipping point in our economy. Renewable energy and energy efficient technologies are growing quickly and getting cheaper, making them more accessible. In the past 10 years, the U.S. has seen a 43-fold increase in solar power and a seven-fold increase in wind power, while the average American now uses ten percent less energy.

America has an opportunity to be a leader on clean energy, reaping the economic and environmental benefits inherent in the global transition. The progress we have seen recently should give us the confidence that we can take renewable energy to the next level.

Fortunately, there are great prospects for a major shift to clean and abundant renewable energy. A growing number of cities, states, corporations and institutions are setting their sights on 100 percent renewable energy targets. Scores of cities, from San Diego, CA to Georgetown, TX, to Atlanta, GA have set 100 percent renewable energy targets. Nearly 100 major companies, including Apple, Walmart and Johnson & Johnson have established similar goals. Hawaii has a law requiring 100 percent renewable electricity by 2045 and a number of states are now considering it.

Despite considerable progress, we still have a long way to go. That is why we are calling for swift action to transition to 100 percent renewable energy and to ensure that the transition to clean energy helps lift up low-income and minority communities that have suffered some of the worst impacts of pollution.

Please co-sponsor the House/Senate bill [H.R.3314/S.987] to support a 100 percent renewable energy future.

Sincerely,

## **National Organizations**

350.org  
CatholicNetwork.US  
Center for Climate Change and Health  
Environment America  
Global Catholic Climate Movement  
ICLEI Local Governments for Sustainability USA  
KyotoUSA  
Interfaith Power & Light  
Physicians for Social Responsibility  
Power Shift Network  
Public Citizen  
Renewables 100 Policy Institute  
Safe Climate Campaign  
SustainUS  
United Methodist Women  
Voices for Progress

## **Local Organizations and Faith Leaders**

350 Eastside  
350 Mass for a Better Future  
350 Montana  
350 New Orleans  
Alpine Solar Heat and Hot Water  
Altamaha Connect  
Altamaha Riverkeeper  
Aquamarine Studio  
Berkshire Environmental Action Team (BEAT)  
Better Future Project  
Campaign for Renewable Energy  
Tom Kabat, Carbon Free Silicon Valley\*  
CARCS- Citizens Against the Rehoboth Compressor Station  
Center for a Sustainable Coast  
Center for Regenerative Community Solutions  
Chattahoochee Riverkeeper  
Citizens United for Renewable Energy (CURE)  
Clean Energy Action  
Clean Water Action - New Jersey  
Climate Action Campaign  
Climate Action Now, Western Mass  
Climate Law & Policy Project  
Coastal Research and Education Society of Long Island  
Coltura

John Sorensen, Conscious Elders Network\*  
Cool Planet  
Cooperative Energy Futures  
Rev. Peter Sawtell, Eco-Justice Ministries  
Grady McGonagill, Elders Climate Action\*  
Environmental Defense Center  
Environmental League of Massachusetts  
Exclusive Jewels Gallery  
Fossil Free California  
Gas Free Seneca  
Gasp, Inc.  
Georgia Sierra Club  
Grassroots Environmental Education  
Mark Vasu, Greentown Labs\*  
Annalisa Peace, Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance\*  
GreenFaith  
Greening Greenfield  
Heart of America Northwest  
Iowa Interfaith Power & Light  
Jewish Climate Action Network  
Mark Bauhaus, Just Business\*  
Lansing Climate Action  
MASSPIRG Students  
Multicultural Alliance for a Safe Environment  
Nature Coast Conservation, Inc.  
New Energy Economy  
New Jersey Institute of Technology  
New Mexico Interfaith Power and Light  
Newark Science and Sustainability Inc  
NJ Working Families Alliance  
No Fracked Gas in Mass  
No Sharon Gas Pipeline | Clean Energy Now  
No Canton Gas Pipeline: Toward an Equitable, Sustainable Future  
NuWatt Energy  
Oaktree Development  
Oregon Physicians for Social Responsibility  
Organize Florida  
Our Climate  
Dan Kline, ParaTechnica\*  
Gail Neustadt, PennFuture\*  
Philadelphia Physicians for Social Responsibility  
Physicians for Social Responsibility, Arizona Chapter  
Physicians for Social Responsibility, San Francisco Bay Area Chapter

Progress Florida  
Renewable Energy Long Island  
RePower Partners  
Resonant Energy  
RI Interfaith Power & Light  
Room to Maneuver  
Rootskeeper.org  
Seneca Lake Guardian, a Waterkeeper Affiliate  
Ann Finneran, Sierra Club Atlantic Chapter\*  
Ski Butlers  
Solar Store of Greenfield  
Rev. Steve Garnaas-Holmes, St. Matthew's United Methodist Church  
Sustainable Tompkins  
Suwannee Riverkeeper (WWALS Watershed Coalition)  
The Environmental Justice Center at Chestnut Hill United Church  
Toxics Action Center  
Unitarian Universalist Mass Action Network  
Regan Keller, Us Creative Works\*  
Washington Physicians for Social Responsibility  
Washington Women for Climate Action Now

\*Organization for identification purposes only

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### **Local Elected Officials**

Isela Blanc, State Representative, Arizona House of Representatives  
Samuel Weaver, Councilmember, City of Boulder City Council  
Tom Butt, Mayor, City of Richmond  
James Albis, State Representative, Connecticut General Assembly  
David Bly, State Representative, Minnesota House of Representatives  
Sandra Pappas, State Senator, Minnesota Senate  
Mimi Stewart, State Senator, New Mexico Senate  
Alissa Keny-Guyer, State Representative, Oregon State Legislature  
Chris Rabb, State Representative, Pennsylvania General Assembly  
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Will Guzzardi, State Representative, Illinois General Assembly  
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Gael Tarleton, State Representative, Washington House of Representatives  
Josephine Noone, Councilwoman, Washington Borough  
Beth Doglio, State Representative, Washington House of Representatives  
Molly Carmody, Councilmember, Yelm City Council