

December 17, 2022

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The Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr.  
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Washington, DC 20500

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker of the US House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Charles Schumer  
Majority Leader of the US Senate  
Washington, DC 2051

CC: Members of Congress

Dear President Biden, Speaker Pelosi, and Leader Schumer,

As leaders of environmental and environmental justice organizations representing millions of members and supporters from across the country, we oppose attaching any version of the Building American Energy Security Act of 2022 to the end of year government funding package.

This deal prioritizes the interests of the fossil fuel industry at the expense of the environment and health of frontline communities, which are disproportionately Black, Indigenous, communities of color and low-wealth communities – a move that is not in line with President Biden’s commitments to climate and environmental justice.

Congress should instead be advancing efforts that ensure robust public engagement early in project development and strengthen the requirements for agencies to evaluate cumulative health and climate impacts.

Members of Congress must reject all attempts to include any version of the Building American Energy Security Act in the year end government funding package.

Sincerely,

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