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STOP MANCHINS DIRTY DEAL!
MESSAGING + ACTION TOOLKIT**

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People vs Fossil Fuels Statement:

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Send a letter: <https://tinyurl.com/blockthedeal>

Make a call: 917-791-2257



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OVERVIEW

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As part of the deal to pass the Inflation Reduction Act, Senators Manchin and Schumer are introducing a separate piece of legislation that would fast-track permit approvals for dangerous fossil fuel projects in September.

The final text is expected soon, but draft text of the deal that has already been [leaked](#) is a disaster – it guts bedrock environmental protections, endangers public health, fast-tracks fossil fuels, and pushes approval for Manchin’s pet project, the Mountain Valley Pipeline.

This is a dirty deal written by and for the fossil fuel industry. Leader Schumer could attach this legislation to a must-pass government spending bill next week, so we must do everything we can to stop this legislation in its tracks.

We need Members of Congress to block any efforts to fast-track fossil fuels and strip away environmental review protections. The provisions Schumer and Manchin are calling for would lead to new fossil fuel projects and less community input. Protecting our communities and climate is more important than giving Senator Manchin and the fossil fuel industry another handout.

TAKE ACTION I

1. Send a letter to your Members of Congress:

[Send a letter to your Members of Congress](#) calling on them to do all they can to block Senator Manchin’s dirty “permitting reform” proposal and stand with impacted and frontline communities! *(full text below as well)*

>> <https://tinyurl.com/blockthedeal> <<

(Your organization can set up a referrer code to track the signatures you generate in Action Network. [Instructions here.](#))

2. Call your Members of Congress:

Phone Number: 917-791-2257

(If for any reason this doesn't connect you to your representatives you can [find their number here](#))

Call Script:

"Hi, my name is _____, & I'm from _____. I'm deeply concerned about the legislation negotiated by Senators Manchin and Schumer that would fast-track fossil fuel projects and strip away the public's ability to give input on new energy projects. As your constituent I'm calling to demand that you publicly oppose this dirty deal and do all you can to stop it from passing. Protecting our communities and climate is more important than giving away yet another handout to the fossil fuel industry. Stand with the communities most impacted by fossil fuels and the climate crisis and stop the dirty deal!"

Then share the call-in action using this example Twitter thread:

1. 📞 Please call your Senators and Representative & urge them to do all you can to block Senator Manchin's #DirtyDeal. #PeoplesFossilFuels [[Download graphic here](#)]
2. Hi, my name is _____, & I'm from _____. As your constituent I'm calling to demand that you do all you can to block Senator Manchin's #DirtyDeal. Protecting our communities and climate is more important than giving away yet another handout to the fossil fuel industry. Stand with the communities impacted by fossil fuels and the climate crisis and stop the dirty deal!

Full text to email! (also pre-loaded in action page above)

Dear Representative/Senator **X**,

As your constituent, I am writing to relay my opposition to the so-called "permitting reform" legislation drafted by the fossil fuel industry and pushed by Senator Manchin. I urge you to do all you can to oppose and block this legislation.

Further handouts to the fossil fuel industry are unacceptable I understand that the final legislation has not been released, but the draft text and one-page summary of the deal is a disaster – it guts bedrock environmental protections, endangers public health, fast-tracks

harmful fossil fuel projects, and would push toward completion the Mountain Valley Pipeline along with other dangerous projects.

I am calling on you to pledge right now to oppose all further fossil fuel handouts. Protecting our communities and climate is more important than giving another gift to the fossil fuel industry. Stand with the communities impacted by fossil fuels and the climate crisis and stop the dirty deal!

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

[Name] [Address]

3. Deliver the letter from 650+ groups to your Representative

By delivering a letter to Congressional offices in person, we can ensure they see their own constituents are urging them to oppose this deal. With the midterm elections coming up, our Members of Congress should be especially attentive to what they hear from constituents. [This toolkit can be shared with activists to help them find the best way to get the letter to their Rep in the district.](#)

SAMPLE SOCIAL POSTS

~ Twitter/Facebook/Instagram~

Note: for instagram and facebook, adjust the tags

HASHTAGS

#NoDirtyDeal

#PeoplesFossilFuels

#StopMVP

#NoSacrificeZones

#NoFossilFuelHandouts

TAGS

@SenSchumer

@SpeakerPelosi

@POTUS

You can also tag your Member of Congress- look up their Twitter handle [here!](#)

GRAPHICS

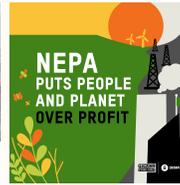
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MVP GRAPHICS & VIDEOS

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MVP Social media video 1

MVP Social media video 2

MVP Social media video 3



[Video 1 vertical for Instagram](#)



[Video 2 vertical for Instagram](#)



[Video 3 vertical for Instagram](#)

SAMPLE SOCIAL POSTS

Feel free to adapt to fit instagram/facebook/twitter, just adjust the handle accordingly

.**[INSERT YOUR REP'S TWITTER HANDLE]** as your constituent, I'm calling on you to KILL this dirty "deal" w/ the fossil fuel industry being forced on us by [@SenSchumer](#) & Manchin. The science is clear - we cannot afford any more fossil fuel projects.
[#StopMVP](#)
<https://peoplesfossilfuels.org/ira/>

.**[INSERT YOUR REP'S TWITTER HANDLE]**, don't sacrifice our communities to let [@SenSchumer](#) & Manchin trade away more handouts to the fossil fuel industry!

This dirty "side deal" would gut bedrock enviro protections and fast-track pipelines + other fossil fuel projects. We won't stand for it.

<https://peoplesfossilfuels.org/ira/>

ALL HANDS ON DECK! 🙌 We cannot afford any more dangerous fossil fuel projects that threaten our climate & communities. Tell your Reps to do all they can to block [@SenSchumer](#) & Manchin's dirty deal with the fossil fuel industry:
tinyurl.com/blockthedeal
[#PeoplesFossilFuels](#)

.[@SenSchumer](#) + Manchin's dirty deal is written by and for the fossil fuel industry. The draft text is literally watermarked by [@APIenergy](#).

Congress has a chance to make up for some of what the [#IRA](#) misses by killing this dirty permitting deal flat out. tinyurl.com/blockthedeal

The dirty deal being forced on us by Manchin + [@SenSchumer](#) would fast-track fossil fuel projects and strip away the chance for public input or meaningful environmental review. It's unacceptable and undemocratic.

Congress and [@POTUS](#) must stop it.

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Manchin & Schumer are introducing legislation to fast-track dirty fossil fuels. It's literally watermarked by [@APIenergy](#).

Tell your Rep/Senator to [#StoptheDirtyDeal](#).

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No more handouts for the fossil fuel and mining industries! Time for Democrats to put [#PeopleOverProfits](#) and reject Manchin's dirty deal to fast-track fossil fuels. Instead, [@POTUS](#) should declare a [#ClimateEmergency](#).

TALKING POINTS

TOP LINE

- Senator Manchin's dirty deal would **fast track dangerous fossil fuel projects** that threaten our climate and communities.
- Under the plan backed by Manchin and fossil fuel CEOs, big polluting oil and gas companies could force through dirty, dangerous fossil fuel projects in any neighborhood and community where they want to build them, cutting the voice of the public out of the process.
- This plan would attempt to **rubber stamp the Mountain Valley Pipeline** – a dirty project that neighboring communities have said they don't want and have been fighting for years.
- We can't let the fossil fuel industry build whatever polluting project they want, wherever they want. The public has to be able to have a say – especially the frontline, low-income and BIPOC communities that have far too often been targeted for these projects.
- There are better ways to safely reform our infrastructure approval process than this dirty deal that guts bedrock environmental protections, cuts out the voice of the public, endangers public health, and fast tracks more dangerous fossil fuel projects.
- This dirty deal will directly undercut President Biden's climate agenda and the positive impacts of the Inflation Reduction Act by fast tracking more climate polluting fossil fuel projects.
- **We already paid an incredibly high price with the fossil fuel handouts in the Inflation Reduction Act** – from mandates for new leasing to credits for false solutions – and we're not going to allow our communities to keep being sacrificed when Manchin's dirty deal comes out in September.

- We're calling on Congress to stop this dirty deal and protect our communities, our voices, and our climate.

Manchin's Dirty Deal Silences the Public to Fast Track Fossil Fuel Projects

- This dirty deal gives all the power to fossil fuel companies to decide where and when to build dangerous, polluting projects.
- The deal **guts the environmental review process** and **silences the public's voice** in decision making, taking away the tools that ensure our communities have a say in the fossil fuel project proposals that threaten our water, land, and public health.
- The dirty deal would [take a chainsaw to the National Environmental Policy Act](#), one of our bedrock environmental laws that has protected our public health and environment for decades.
- **Manchin wants to gut the law that has helped frontline communities** fight back against corporations seeking to steal their land, poison their water, and pollute their air – and he wants to turn the decision making power over to fossil fuel executives.
- A draft text of this legislation that is circulating around Congress has [a watermark from the American Petroleum Institute](#), Big Oil's lobbying front group. This is a deal by and for the fossil fuel industry.
- This deal is a **direct threat to environmental justice**, sacrificing the communities already overburdened with fossil fuel pollution and climate impacts in order to maximize industry profits.
- Under Manchin's dirty deal, there would be little left to stop a big pipeline company from ramming dangerous projects through any neighborhoods, farmland, sensitive ecosystems, or community **without public input** or **meaningful environmental review**.

Manchin's Dirty Deal Would Attempt to Force Completion of the Mountain Valley Pipeline

- Senator Manchin is trying to use his dirty deal to approve the Mountain Valley Pipeline, [a 300-mile fracked gas pipeline that crosses over nearly 1,000 streams and wetlands](#) and would have the equivalent emissions of [26 coal fired power plants](#).
- The Mountain Valley Pipeline threatens the land, air and water of communities along its entire route – that's why the people in these communities have been clear they want this project stopped. The start of construction has already polluted people's water and destroyed sensitive areas.

- The explicit mention of the Mountain Valley Pipeline in the proposal tells you all you need to know about it: this is a dirty deal designed to enrich Manchin's corporate donors, not a real attempt at policy reform.
- Grassroots resistance has helped stop the Mountain Valley Pipeline in its tracks and without Senator Manchin's corrupt intervention, the project will likely never be built.
- NextEra Energy, a major stakeholder in the Mountain Valley Pipeline, is a major donor for Senator Manchin and Senator Schumer, who has [received more than \\$281,000 from NextEra](#) this election cycle.
- Manchin is trying to bypass the regular review process and run over communities in Appalachia so he can get this pipeline built for his wealthy political donors.

Manchin's Trying to Pass this Dirty Deal to Please His Corporate Donors

- Manchin has received [more money from pipeline companies](#), [more money from fossil fuel companies](#), and [three times as much money](#) from natural gas pipeline companies than any other member of Congress – so now he's trying to pass a dirty deal to fast track fossil fuel projects to please his corporate donors.
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- Manchin already loaded up the Inflation Reduction Act with [fossil fuel industry giveaways](#) – Congress doesn't need to give him another present to bring back to his corporate donors. They need to help ensure the public has a say in stopping dirty, dangerous, polluting projects from being built in their neighborhoods.

This Dirty Deal Isn't Necessary to Build More Renewable Energy

- No one should be fooled: **this is a dirty deal designed to fast track fossil fuels**, not get more renewable energy projects built. The fossil fuel industry wants to build dirty projects quickly so they can try and crowd clean energy out of the market – and this plan gives them that chance.
- We're already building lots of renewable energy under the current rules and we can build lots more.
- If we want to move even faster, we shouldn't be weakening environmental laws, but [investing more resources into the agencies and staff](#) who can help get these projects built in a responsible way that gives the public a say in their construction.

- NEPA isn't the roadblock to infrastructure projects that industry scaremongers make it out to be: [only one out of every 450 NEPA reviews](#) are challenged in court.
- The administration already has the tools it needs to accelerate the permitting for clean energy and environmentally friendly projects, so there's no need for Congress to act.
- The Biden Administration has already put together a [Permitting Action Plan](#) that would help fast track clean energy and other important projects in a more responsible and environmentally appropriate way that doesn't just put the fossil fuel industry in the driver's seat.

Biden Can Stop Fossil Fuel Expansion - With or Without Congress

- Since President Biden's first day in office, he's been sitting on key executive powers to address climate chaos without relying on Congress.
- Biden already has the existing authority to **ramp down fossil fuel production** on federal lands and waters and **deny federal permits** for pipelines, plastic plants, and export terminals.
- **By declaring a climate emergency**, Biden would unlock additional powers to end the fossil fuel era – including the ability to ban crude oil exports, stop investments in fossil fuel projects abroad, and redirect military funds to scale up renewable energy systems.
- Any expansion of fossil fuels at this stage of the climate crisis is deadly – for our communities and our planet. The president promised an 'all-of-government' approach to combatting climate chaos. That means **using his full executive authority to stop fossil fuel projects**.
- Right now, Biden has a choice: let Manchin and the fossil fuel industry help themselves to yet another handout, or use his existing powers to protect the communities being sacrificed and address the climate emergency in line with what the science demands.

ADDITIONAL COALITION RESOURCES

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Other Coalition Partner Statements

- [Greater Chaco Coalition Press Release](#)
- [Appalachian Voices Press Release](#)

News + Media

- [Manchin's Donors Include Pipeline Giants That Win in His Climate Deal](#) (NYT)
- [Democrats' side deal with Manchin would speed up projects, West Virginia gas](#) (WaPo)
- [Permitting reform bill flips leverage to Progressives](#) (The Prospect)
- [Fossil fuel side deal for U.s. climate bill slammed by green groups](#) (Reuters)

Other Coalition Tools:

- [MVP Fights Toolkit](#)