

PEOPLE VS FOSSIL FUELS

Local Elected Officials Letter to Biden *March to End Fossil Fuels 2023 Recruitment & Organizing tool*

100 LOCAL ELECTEDS!

**HAVE SIGNED ON TO DEMAND
PRESIDENT BIDEN END FOSSIL FUELS!**

Including

- James Sanders (New York State Senator)
- James B. Eldridge (Massachusetts State Senator)
- Steven Owens (Massachusetts State Representative)
- Nadine K. Nakamura (Hawaii State House, District 15)
- Timothy Horrigan (New Hampshire State Representative)
- Emily Friedrichs (Durham Town Councilor)
- Janani Ramachandran (Councilmember, City of Oakland)
- Nancy Hansen (Senator, Washington State Legislature)
- Ed Gainey (Mayor of Pittsburgh)

and more!

The letter: [here](#)

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Amplify!

RE: TWEET: <https://twitter.com/FightFossils/status/1703177199044514274>

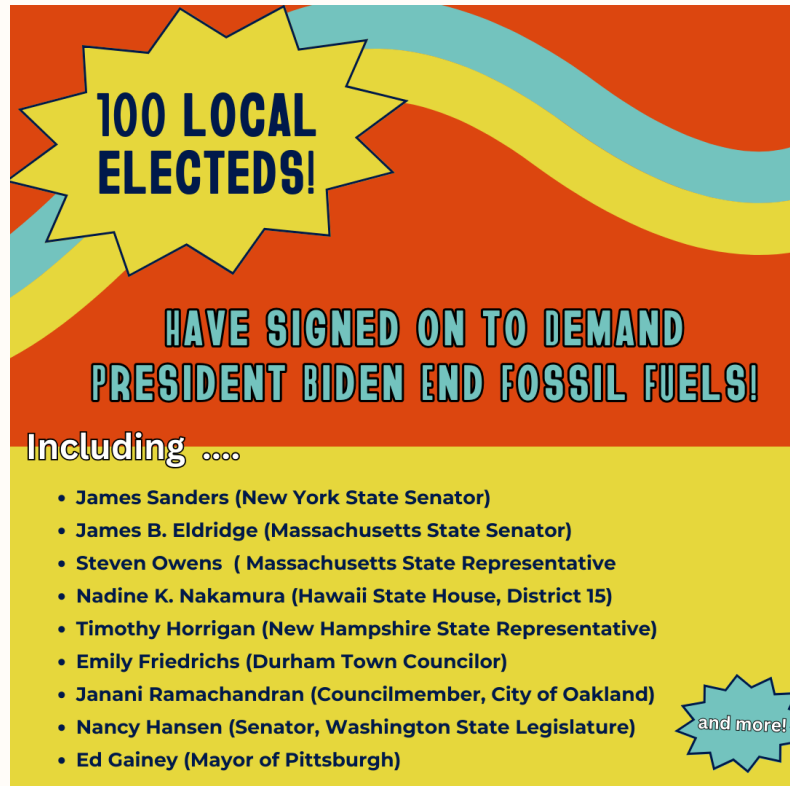
SAMPLE POST 1

- BREAKING! 100 local elected officials from Hawaii, New York, and across the country have signed on to demand @POTUS #EndFossilFuels!

See you in the streets tomorrow!
<https://www.endfossilfuels.us/>

SAMPLE POST 2

- The climate crisis is here and 100 local electeds from across the country have made it clear that @POTUS must act to #endfossilfuels! Great timing as we prep to march TOMORROW; it's not too late to join us
<https://www.endfossilfuels.us/>



Background

In New York this September, the United Nations Secretary-General is hosting a first-of-its-kind Climate Ambition Summit to demand that nations stop the fossil fuel expansion that is driving the climate emergency. **Thousands of us will march to demand President Biden take bold action to End Fossil Fuels.**

We want as many elected officials - from mayors and city council people to state senators and representatives - to join us in pushing President Biden. So, we're asking YOU to go to the elected officials that represent you and ask them to [sign this pledge](#). We need officials that will be champions in our movement, and we know that YOU, their constituent, is best positioned to find them. #StopWillow generated an unprecedented level of public opposition to a fossil fuel project that the administration was not expecting. There is growing outrage over Biden's climate hypocrisy, and [global recognition](#) that we need to take action to phase out fossil fuels to have any hope of a livable future.

A key piece of this escalation arc leading up to the [March to End Fossil Fuels](#) in New York, will be a [local elected pledge](#). Together we will have elected officials from all levels of governance come together to amplify our shared demands on Biden ahead of the summit. Please use the toolkit below to get in contact with your local elected officials.

Delivering The Pledge

STEP 1: If you're interested in delivering [the pledge](#) to your local elected official, please let us know by filling out this form: [Individual Interest Form](#)

STEP 2: Once you've received a signed pledge from an elected official, please let us know by uploading it here: [Signed Pledge Upload Form](#)

HOW TO DELIVER the Pledge to YOUR Local Elected Officials

Levels of Government:

Mayors
City Councilors/County Commissioners
State Legislatures

Members of the United State Congress cannot sign onto the pledge due to ethics constraints. Please only deliver this pledge to elected officials that do not work on federal matters.

Step 1: [Fill out this form to show your interest in going to talk to your local elected officials!](#)

Step 2: Find your local elected official by entering your address here:

<https://www.usa.gov/elected-officials>

- The most effective way to pressure your elected official is by finding them at a public event.
 - ◆ Look at their social media pages (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc.) to see if they've posted about any upcoming events
 - ◆ Call your local Democratic Club and ask if any events with your local elected official are scheduled.

- If meeting them at an event isn't possible, find their office address.
 - ◆ To find the office of your elected officials, put your physical address into this website: <https://www.usa.gov/elected-officials>.
 - ◆ At your elected official's office, you can either see if you can ask your representative to sign the pledge then or ask for an in-person meeting with the official in the near future.
- If delivering the pledge in person isn't possible, call the office and ask for a virtual meeting and the email address of a staff member to send the pledge to.

Step 3: Download the pledge for delivery!

- [Download the Pledge here](#)
 - ◆ To download the Pledge, go to the link above, then click File > Save Page As... to download the file for printing or emailing.

Step 4: Prepare a short script of what you'll say when you deliver your Pledge.

- **Template script if delivering your Pledge directly to your elected official (in person or via a virtual meeting):**

Hi (Mayor/Council Member/Representative) _____, my name is _____ and I'm one of your constituents. I'm very concerned about the climate emergency. The science is very clear that there can be NO fossil fuel expansion if we want to avoid climate catastrophe, and yet the Biden Administration and Congress continue to fast-track fossil fuels.

The UN Secretary General is hosting a UN Climate Ambition Summit in September where he's welcoming first-movers on his acceleration agenda. The agenda asks nations to stop fossil fuel expansion. With President Biden's recent fossil fuel approvals and rollbacks to the National Environmental Policy Act, I am worried that he isn't meeting the UN's demands for climate leadership.

Will you [sign our pledge](#) before **August 30th 2023** to promise you'll do your part to end the fossil fuel era and encourage President Biden to do the same?

If yes, they will sign on publicly: Wonderful! Thank you so much for being a climate champion! (Hand over the pledge or request the email to send the pledge over for their signature) Here is the pledge for you to sign. This is so exciting! Would you take a photo with me? Would you also be willing to learn more about how you can amplify the pledge and participate in the March to End Fossil Fuels? Someone from the People vs Fossil Fuels Coalition will reach out to you, if you're interested in learning more.

If no or unsure: (Hand over the pledge or request the email to send the pledge over for their review) Here is a pledge outlining my concerns. I hope you'll join us in strongly urging the Biden Administration to stop approving fossil fuel projects. I'll follow up with your office next week after you've had time to review the pledge and determine your position.

→ Template script if delivering the pledge to your Rep's staff at the office or via a virtual meeting:

Hello _____, my name is _____ and I'm a constituent of (Mayor/Council Member/Representative) _____. I'm very concerned about the climate emergency. The science is very clear that there can be NO fossil fuel expansion if we want to avoid climate catastrophe, and yet the Biden Administration and Congress continue to fast-track fossil fuels like the Mountain Valley Pipeline.

The UN Secretary General is hosting a UN Climate Ambition Summit in September where he's welcoming first-movers of his acceleration agenda, that demands countries stop fossil fuel expansion.

Would you see if your boss would [sign this pledge](#) urging President Biden to stop fossil fuel expansion?

If yes, they will have them sign: Wonderful! Thank you for moving this up the chain. (Hand over the pledge or request the email to send the pledge over for their signature) Here is the pledge. Could you please ask them to sign onto it before August 30th 2023? Lastly, once your boss signs the pledge, do you think they would also be interested in learning more about how they can amplify the pledge and support the March to End Fossil Fuels? Someone from the People vs Fossil Fuels Coalition will reach out to you, if your boss would be interested in learning more.

If no or unsure: (Hand over pledge or request the email to send the pledge over for their review) Here is the pledge outlining my concerns, I hope (Mayor/Council Member/Representative) _____ will speak out strongly in support of Biden phasing out fossil fuels. I will follow up next week to see if they are willing to sign the pledge?

Step 5: Deliver the pledge!

- If you're attending a town hall or other in-person meeting, have the pledge and your script ready so you can maximize the face-to-face time you'll have with your local elected official.
- If you're delivering the pledge to the office, go to the elected official's website to check their hours to ensure someone will be there to accept the pledge.

- If you're trying for a scheduled meeting, call the office to schedule a meeting and get an email address for you to send the pledge over for their review and signature.
- If your local elected official signs the pledge, don't forget to try to get a photo with them!

Step 6: Congrats! Now that you've connected with your (Mayor/Council Member/Representative), **upload their signed pledge (and your photos) here:** [Signed Pledge Upload Form](#)

SIGNATURES DUE BY AUG 30 2023

All the Links:

- ❖ [Interested In Talking to Your Elected Officials Form](#)
- ❖ [Find Your Local Elected Officials](#)
- ❖ [Download the Local Electeds' Pledge for Delivery](#)
- ❖ [Upload the Signed Pledge Here](#)

Our Demands

This June, we're taking action together across the country to send a clear message to President Biden to end the era of fossil fuels. ***Here's what we're calling for:***

1. **NO MORE FOSSIL FUELS.** Biden must require his agencies to deny permits for any new fossil fuel projects (including pipelines, refineries, export terminals, and petrochemical plants) – and he must revoke illegally-granted approvals for fossil fuel projects, like the Willow oil drilling project and Alaska LNG.
2. **FOSSIL FUEL PHASE OUT NOW.** Biden has the legal authority to require a managed decline of coal, oil, and gas production on *federal* lands and waters. Existing production is poisoning our communities and fueling the climate crisis. ¼ of U.S. climate pollution comes from drilling on public lands. We need to begin a just phase out now.

3. **DECLARE A CLIMATE EMERGENCY.** By declaring a national climate emergency, Biden can unlock additional powers to reinstate the crude oil export ban, limit investments in fossil fuels abroad, and make sure we can rebuild with more resilient clean energy.

Endorsers



Who's Signed the Letter?

- ❖ Claudia Balducci (King County Council, WA)
- ❖ Jovanka Beckles (Director, AC Transit)
- ❖ Della Au Belatti (Hawaii State House, District 26)
- ❖ Addison Bulosan (Kauai County Council)
- ❖ Tiffany Caban (New York City Council)
- ❖ Brian Cina (Vermont State Senate)

- ❖ Jeff Cohen (Salem City Council, MA)
- ❖ Beth Doglio (Washington State Legislature)
- ❖ Davina Duerr (Washington State Legislature, District #1)
- ❖ Emily Friedrichs (Durham Town Council)
- ❖ Mike Gabbard (Hawaii State Senate, District 2)
- ❖ Ed Gainey (Mayor of Pittsburgh)
- ❖ Sonny Ganaden (Hawaii State House, District 30)
- ❖ Shahana Hanif (New York City Council)
- ❖ Timothy Horrigan (New Hampshire State Legislature)
- ❖ Natalia Hussey-Burdick (Hawaii State House, District 50)
- ❖ Les Ihara, Jr. (Hawaii State Senate, District 10)
- ❖ Jeanné Kapela (Hawaii State House, District 5)
- ❖ Ardy Kassakihan (Glendale City Council, CA)
- ❖ Bryan Kennedy (Mayor of Glendale, Wisconsin)
- ❖ Heather Kimball (Hawaii County Council, District 1)
- ❖ Lisa Marten (Hawaii State House, District 51)
- ❖ Carey McDonald (Malden City Council, MA)
- ❖ Nadine K. Nakamura (Hawaii State House, District 15)
- ❖ Amy Perruso (Hawaii State House, District 46)
- ❖ Mahina Poepoe (Hawaii State House, District 13)
- ❖ Janani Ramachandran (Oakland City Council, District 4)
- ❖ Marisol Rubio (San Ramon City Council, District 4)
- ❖ Derek Stanford (Washington State Legislature)
- ❖ Jennifer Stark (Claremont City Council, California)
- ❖ Rebecca Villegas (Hawaii County Council, District 7)
- ❖ Tanya Vyhovsky (Vermont State Senate)