

Kerry L.:

"I chose to lock down today in solidarity with my Mi'kmaq people in Nova Scotia who are battling Alton Gas. Many don't know that the Weymouth Compressor Station IS the mouthpiece to the Alton Gas project and that Nova Scotia is a destination point for the brine release. The Shubenacadie River is still an active river, that's very much in use and not just by the people but also the wildlife species who inhabit this area. Gov. Baker has no rights or jurisdiction on unceded Mi'kmaq territories nor does he have the right to trample on international treaties and I'm here to expose him for doing exactly all of that all in the name of greed. My people are not for sale and neither is their land...this is our resistance"

Susan R.:

"I must resist this harmful project. I believe this project is a mortal threat to children, not only those who will be exposed to the direct release of methane fracked gas from operation of the compressor station in Weymouth but also children in Canada that live on native land threatened by prospect of a LNG transfer station, as well as children of the world whose climate will be devastated by the huge extractions of gas that this compressor enables. I can't look away, like Governor Baker does."

Nick B.:

"Today I act in solidarity with frontline communities around the globe who are protecting life-giving ecosystems and water. I act to shed light on the injustice of our society, where peaceful protestors are arrested for stopping the ongoing destruction of our communities and protecting our children's future; meanwhile, corporations responsible for the collapse of our ecosystems are protected by militarized police forces, and free to rake in profits at the expense of all life. Our governments and laws have failed to protect our well-being, and are complicit in the destruction of our future - on scientific, rational, moral, ethical, or spiritual grounds, it is the duty of all principled people to now stand together and demand justice for our ecosystems, frontline communities, and our interdependent future.

We have exhausted our carbon budget. We are on the brink of climate tipping points which threaten irreversible, runaway global heating. Our ecosystems are on the brink of collapse, with the sixth mass extinction well underway. We will not avoid devastating climate and ecological breakdown, but we have a choice of how to respond: will we band together and fight for a more just, equitable, and livable future? Or, will we continue to ignore reality, and let business-as-usual drive us off the cliff into an increasingly chaotic, perilous, uninhabitable and unjust world? Even if we fail, I would much rather fight for option one - and I hope you will join me."

Rev. Fred Small, Minister for Climate Justice, Arlington Street Church, Boston:

"Every religious tradition forbids theft. Environmental injustice is theft from the powerless by the powerful. This compressor is the latest act of theft of our children's future by the fossil fuel industry, and it is theft of a safe and healthy environment from residents of Weymouth and surrounding communities."

Kiki C.:

"I am taking action against Enbridge's compressor because the Earth cannot handle any more harm. We are on the brink of social and environmental catastrophe which has been in the making for at least 500 years. Unless we bring a halt to the destruction and focus our energies on healing the damages of corporate colonialism the fate of humanity is sealed in ruin.

The US and Canadian energy industries are an extension of the settler-colonialism both countries were built upon. And thus our government serves the corporation. We have seen Governor Baker's Department of Environmental Protection bend over backwards to permit a cancer-spewing facility on a toxic waste dump in an environmental justice community. The only people who benefit from this shortsighted compressor station are Enbridge and their shareholders. Colonialism was designed this way and continues to operate as such.

Right now, Canadian police are invading unceded Wet'suwet'en lands in so-called British Columbia to force a natural gas export pipeline to the Pacific. This is a violation of Indigenous sovereignty and international law. At the same time, the Mi'kmaq are fighting to stop Alton Gas from dumping brine from underground salt caverns into their rivers, a violation of their treaty rights. Fracked-gas from the Weymouth compressor would fill those underground caverns before being shipped across the Atlantic. Indigenous people have been fighting to preserve the Earth for centuries, and I humbly take action today in solidarity with those ongoing struggles.

As a settler of Irish-descent I have a responsibility to stand up for the rights of Indigenous people whose occupied lands I live on and benefit from. I have a responsibility, as someone who enjoys breathing fresh air and drinking clean water, to stand up so that people everywhere have access to the same life-sustaining rights. And having seen the devastating impacts of climate change firsthand, knowing that things will only get worse, I have a responsibility to stop rogue corporations on behalf of children and future generations. I pray that the nonviolent actions taking place across the world will bring about the necessary changes before it's too late."

Patti M.:

"I am risking arrest as part of my commitment to protect our mother earth and specifically to support the health and safety of those who live near Fore River. Massachusetts already suffered a huge explosion of compressed methane gas in Lawrence and North Andover. An explosion here would be many times worse. In solidarity with water protectors across our country and continent, I join with others on the front lines to protect our water and air for our children."

Cathy H.:

"As a grandmother to a 13 year old boy and "grandmother" to movements for justice over the past 4 decades, I have come to understand that care for our planet and one another is foremost human responsibility there is. Humans have been at the center of injustice in many forms and the destruction of the one source of life we depend on. I worked for many months to try to stop the Spectra energy pipeline through West Roxbury which was built through imminent domain without a safety plan against the wishes of all the elected officials and the communities. The specter of a compressor station in Weymouth bringing in unhealthy fracked gas for export on a contaminated site defies logic and the human heart. I am proud to be part of the resistance of the people. "

Rachel W.:

"My name is Rachel Wyon. I am 68 years old. I am ready to risk arrest to stop further destruction of the land, air and water here in Weymouth and Quincy. As the mother of a 36 year old son, step grandmother and great aunt of teenagers and pre-schoolers, as an elder, an educator and a climate justice woman of faith, it's a privilege and an honor to take a stand for all our children and grandchildren in MA, in North America and in the world. This day is also dedicated in solidarity with the First Nation Mic'ma'q people who say no to this pipeline and the Wetsuweten people of British Columbia who are bravely blockading the Coastal Gaslink pipeline project, the Lakota people of Standing Rock and the Massachusetts people of greater Boston. The Weymouth Compressor is the key to completing the Atlantic Bridge pipeline - and it must be stopped to prevent unimaginable quantities of fracked gas in PA from being transported via the pipeline to First Nation stolen land in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia to be exported to Europe and Asia. That's why we are all connected. The First Nations people teach us to protect and defend our Mother Earth. We don't want this compressor station or fracked gas in MA, in New England or beyond. This is only for short term profits for Enbridge and their investors who are determined to exploit and destroy our only planet. All these fracked gas pipelines are moving us backward in the struggle to prevent further climate disasters. We do not need fossil fuel energy - we have clean renewable energy alternatives! NO Enbridge Compressor Station in Weymouth - The people united will shut it down!"

Nathan P.:

“While it was not my intention to risk arrest today, I was incredibly honored to stand in support of & bear witness to the act of Kerry Labrador locking down to a bulldozer, putting her body on the line in defense of her children, the 3,100 Fore River Basin children in harm’s way from the compressor, the Mi’kmaq children & families defending their land, water & air from this same toxic compressor project in Alton, Nova Scotia, (where the gas from the Weymouth Compressor would go); and all Earth’s children. I am deeply grateful to have been able to capture words of Kerry’s ancestors speaking powerful truths through her today in the moment of her act. Kerry and her co-lockdown partner hero Kiki turned this toxic coal ash dump site into hallowed ground for a moment.”