



January 17, 2024

Governor Maura Healey
Massachusetts State House
24 Beacon Street
Office of the Governor, Room 280
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Governor Healey:

We the undersigned organizations and community groups are sending this letter to signal our fervent opposition to "Project Maple," a major expansion being proposed by Enbridge to their fracked-gas pipeline that runs from New Jersey to Maine and potentially the Canadian Maritimes. Enbridge is seeking to increase capacity of this line by up to 500,000 Dekatherms/day at the Ramapo, NY receipt point, and up to 250,000 Dekatherms/day at the Salem, MA receipt point. While currently this fracked gas appears to be for electric power generation in Massachusetts, its final destination, usage, or need under the proposal is unclear. This project must be stopped.

Fracked-gas hurts communities along its whole life cycle: from the shale fields in Pennsylvania, Ohio, and West Virginia where fracking poisons the air, land and water; to the communities along the pipeline route who breathe in toxic emissions from compressor stations and live in constant fear of a devastating pipeline accident; to homes where fracked-gas from cooking causes harmful indoor air pollution.

Moreover, the extraction, transportation and burning of fossil fuels like fracked-gas is leading to catastrophic climate change. This past summer we experienced those impacts locally, nationally, and globally, with massive flooding in New York and New England, wildfires in the West and unbearable heat for months across the Southern states. Greenhouse gases are at their highest level of any time in human existence, and we cannot afford to continue to increase our dependence on burning fossil fuels, and that includes fracked-gas. Temperatures in New England are already on average two degrees Fahrenheit warmer and four degrees warmer in winter than historic averages.

The United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change analysis estimated that methane's potential contribution to global warming is more than 81 times that of an equivalent amount of carbon dioxide when impacts are measured over 20 years. In order to avert the worst of climate change, existing fracked-gas infrastructure must be shut down - not expanded.

Decades of regional dependence on fracked-gas to power our homes and buildings has already proven pricey for our families, and impacted the health of our communities. For this reason, leaders in the states along the pipeline route have set ambitious clean energy and decarbonization goals. Enbridge's Project Maple proposal threatens to sap critical momentum out of these planet-saving efforts.

Frontline communities already resisted three previous expansions to this Enbridge pipeline. The “Algonquin” Incremental Market (AIM) project and the Atlantic Bridge project were completed in 2017 and 2021, years behind schedule and reduced in scope as a result of region wide resistance. The largest of these three expansions, the \$3 billion Access Northeast project, was canceled in 2017, again as a result of grassroots-led community organizing and direct action. From the information currently available, Project Maple appears to be a rebrand of this earlier failed Enbridge Access Northeast proposal.

In order to mitigate the climate crisis, and to protect our communities, the amount of fossil fuels burned must be decreased immediately and through the implementation of policies that ensure the just and rapid transition to a cleaner, renewable energy-powered regenerative economy. More pipelines will only exacerbate our existing fracked-gas dependence, raise our energy bills, and harm our communities, all while ensuring big profits for faraway investors.

We stand in solidarity with each other and will organize, mobilize, and take action to make sure that Project Maple is never built - and that Enbridge’s pipeline system in the Northeast is ultimately shut down once and for all. We call on you to join us by publicly opposing Project Maple, demanding strict adherence and enforcement of all climate laws and regulation in the states impacted by this proposed expansion, and ensuring strict adherence to deny all permits to Project Maple.

Signed,

Acadia Center
Ashford Clean Energy Task Force
Berkshire Environmental Action Team
BLM860 (Connecticut)
Black Infinity Collective
Boston Catholic Climate Movement
Breathe Clean North Shore
Breathe Easy Berkshires
Brookhaven Residents’ Climate Change Committee
Burrillville BASE
Canton Residents for a Sustainable Equitable Future
Capital Region Mothers Out Front Citizens’
Climate Lobby, Mass. North Shore Chapter
Clean Air Action Network of Glens Falls (NY)
Climate Action Now-Western Mass
Climate Action Rhode Island
Climate Defenders
Climate Defiance
Climate Disobedience Center
The Climate Reality Project: Boston Metro Chapter
The Climate Reality Project: Capital Region Chapter

The Climate Reality Project: Finger Lakes Greater Region NY Chapter
The Climate Reality Project: Catskills & Hudson Valley Chapter
The Climate Reality Project: NYC Metro Chapter
The Climate Reality Project: Westchester Chapter
The Climate Reality Project: Western New York Chapter
The Climate Reality Project: Massachusetts Southcoast Chapter
The Climate Reality Project: Long Island Chapter
The Climate Reality Project: Southern Connecticut Chapter
The Climate Reality Project: Greater New Jersey Gateway Chapter
Climate Code Blue
Coalition to Protect New York
ConcordCAN
Connecticut Citizen Action Group (CCAG)
Connecticut Climate Crisis Mobilization (C3M)
Conservation Law Foundation
CT Energy Network
CT Green Building Council
Electric Vehicle Club of Connecticut
Energy Allies
FFF Capital District NY
The FANG Collective
Food & Water Watch
Fore River Residents Against the Compressor Station (FRRACS)
FrackBustersNY
Grassroots Environmental Education
Greater Boston Physicians for Social Responsibility
Green Eco Warriors
GreenRoots Green Ossining
GTA860 (Good Trouble Advocates)
Indian Point Safe Energy Coalition
Jewish Climate Action Network
Mothers Out Front Massachusetts
Mothers Out Front New York
New York Progressive Action Network
New Yorkers for Clean Power
No Coal No Gas No Fracked Gas In Mass
No More Dirty Power in Killingly
Nonprofit Accountability Group
NY Water Action
Peekskill Progressives
People's Action for Clean Energy (PACE)
People for a Healthy Environment
Resist The Pipeline
Resist Spectra
Rivers & Mountains GreenFaith

Safe Energy Rights Group
Sane Energy Project
Salem Alliance for the Environment (SAFE)
Sierra Club
Slingshot
Springfield Climate Justice Coalition
Stop the Algonquin Pipeline Expansion (SAPE)
Stop the Brookfield Compressor Station
Sunrise Movement Connecticut
Sustainable Marblehead HealthLink
Third Act Upstate New York
Tyson, West & Associates
Unitarian Universalist Mass Action
United 4 Clean Energy
Westchester Alliance for Sustainable Solutions
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350 Mass, Greater Franklin Node
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