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pass the
Federal Green New Deal
of Washington

Dear Green New Deal Leader,

Are you wondering how the new climate initiative included in the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), will impact you, our communities, and our climate?

What's good about the new climate bill?

The package will invest \$375 billion over the next decade in climate protection strategies including tax rebates for people to buy electric vehicles and 10 year consumer tax credits for renewable energy. For businesses, there are tax credits for solar and wind production. The bill pays for this and reduces the deficit with a 15% minimum corporate tax and restores IRS capacity to raise funds by going after tax cheats. The bill also extends some health insurance subsidies and allows Medicare to negotiate some prescription drug prices. For more detail at our website, click [here](#).

What's not to like?

Unfortunately, the new law subsidizes new nuclear power and carbon capture technologies. It also requires expansion of federal leasing for petroleum development, including a provision requiring oil lease auctions before the government can auction leases for solar and wind farms. (Source: [Grist](#), August 9, 2022) The package omits essential elements of the transition to a low-carbon economy, which would include development of green jobs in the care economy, and prioritizing safe, healthy families and communities by funding child care credit, free preschool and community college, and family leave. (Source: *The Seattle Times*, Aug. 17, 2022, p. A6)

What can we do now? Write or call our President, Senators and Congress members!

First, we need to continue demanding that President Biden declare a climate emergency and take all possible pro-climate executive actions. Also, please keep urging our Senators and House members to continue seeking ways to protect our communities and climate starting with rejecting Manchin's "Side Deal" to fast track new fossil fuel pipelines.

In exchange for Manchin's vote for the bill, some U.S. Senate leaders promised Joe Manchin that they would support a separate bill for the fossil fuel industry: fast-tracking approvals for projects like the Mountain Valley Pipeline. This "pipeline deal" is separate from the IRA, so we still have a chance to stop it. Hundreds of organizations across the country are fighting to stop this, but we'll only win if they are joined by thousands of people. To find out more and act, see this invitation from 350 Seattle: [Join us for a rally this Thursday outside the Seattle federal building to demand that our U.S. Senators stop this dirty deal.](#) To protect us from fracking, pipelines, and climate disasters, join us Thursday, August 18th, at 4:30pm, Jackson Federal Building, 915 2nd Ave. [RSVP here](#)

What's next? Join our next meeting Tuesday, Sept. 20th at noon on Zoom!

This is a turning point. What can we as a Coalition do now to insure green new deal goals are met? Between now and our next meeting, we will ask our allies including state, local and federal leaders about the most effective ways. To find out more and to contribute to this conversation, please join us at our next Coalition meeting, Tuesday, Sept. 20th at noon [on Zoom](#).

Thank you for reading, speaking up, and persisting in our movements for a green new deal, climate justice and beyond, please keep it up. Please forward this message to your other groups, family and friends who are looking for ways to learn and act.

In Solidarity,

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