

Dear William,

News reports this summer highlighted that we are living in the hottest year on record. Fires across the American West, catastrophic flooding in Europe, drought in Asia, record-setting storms across the globe - we are living in a climate-changed world. Now is the time to recognize this emergency and the urgency of moving off fossil fuels.

That's why we're helping to organize a Rally to End Fossil Fuels here in Seattle on Sunday, Sept. 17th at 2 pm to support the national March to End Fossil Fuels in New York City, which has been endorsed by 500 international, national, and local organizations.

<u>These groups</u> demand that President Biden declare a climate emergency, stop new fossil fuel projects, and phase out oil & gas drilling on our public lands. This event is right before world leaders gather at the <u>United Nations for a Climate Ambition Summit to commit to phasing out fossil fuels</u>.

Please join us on Sunday, Sept. 17th at 2 pm at the Seattle Center's Broad Street Greens. The program will include speeches from labor, environmental, and community leaders including April Sims, President of the Washington State Labor Council, as well as music from the Seattle Labor Chorus, and family-friendly actions, including creating a street mural.

Besides joining us on Sunday, Sept. 17th at 2 pm at the Seattle Center, what else can you do?

*Help us plan this and other action at our next monthly Coalition meeting Tuesday, Sept. 12th at noon on Zoom! We look forward to sharing updates and organizing next actions. Please bring your groups' reports and plans. Here is our meeting link.

*Ask your family, friends, and groups to sign our petition to our U.S. Senators Patty Murray and Maria Cantwell and U.S. Representatives to endorse, advocate for, and vote for H. Con. Res. 37 and S. Con. Res. 9, to demand President Biden declare a climate emergency, stop all new fossil fuel projects, and speed transition to clean energy and protecting our environment now.

*Call or write an email message to <u>our U.S. Senators and Representatives</u> expressing your personal environmental experiences and priorities and asking for a response about their commitment to declaring a climate emergency.

Welcome to you, our new friends who have signed our climate emergency petition. To find out more about our Coalition now, please go to our website.

If you have questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Beth at admin@southseattleclimate.org

You can learn and take action to green the 2023 Farm Bill, which is up for reauthorization this year. Learn more here.

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,

Beth, Bill, Cortney - the Pass the Federal Green New Deal Outreach Team

The first step to solving a crisis is not evaluating the full situation or taking immediate action. That comes later.

The first step is to realize that you are in one. And we are not there yet. Greta Thunberg, TheClimate Book, p. 278