



Dear Congressman McGovern:

Members of 350 Central Mass and Sunrise Movement Worcester held a standout on Shrewsbury Street outside your office on Friday, February 12. We were responding to a call for action by the Build Back Fossil Free coalition <https://buildbackfossilfree.org/> and the Indigenous Environmental Network <https://www.ienearth.org>.

We appreciate President Biden's cancellation of the Keystone XL pipeline on his first day in office, and we are gratified to see the Biden-Harris Administration begin to roll back some of Trump's most egregious climate-damaging actions.

This is a great start, but we call upon the Administration and Congressional Democrats to do more. An emergency exists right now in Indigenous communities as bulldozers roll across northern Minnesota, crushing these peoples' wild-rice beds in a rush to build Enbridge's Line 3 tar-sands pipeline. The people of Standing Rock are at risk every day that tar sands flow through the illegal Dakota Access Pipeline. Real environmental justice and respect for Indigenous sovereignty demand that President Biden shut down these projects immediately.

There is no place for fossil fuels in post-COVID reconstruction. Congress must ban the export of U.S. fossil fuels. Jordan Cove (Oregon) must not be built. The Weymouth compressor station should be shut down. The fossil fuel industry's pivot to plastics must be stopped in its tracks beginning with efforts by Formosa Plastic to add to the toxic burden in Cancer Alley (Louisiana). The Alaska National Wildlife Refuge should be permanently protected from all industrial development. We need a ban on fracking.

Thank you for your past leadership on these issues, including taking the no fossil fuel funding pledge with us. We encourage you and your colleagues in Congress and the Administration to exhibit bold leadership in building back fossil free.

We attach a photo of our standout at your office.

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