

December 16, 2020

Tony Allen
Chief Executive Officer
Presidential Inaugural Committee

Dear Mr. Allen,

The Presidential Inaugural Committee has taken a strong first step by rejecting money from fossil fuel companies, executives, and PACs organized by them, recognizing the corrupting influence of the industry's money. While the fossil fuel industry is indeed pernicious and should not be afforded this opportunity to influence the nascent administration, other corporate interests must also be prevented from wielding undue influence. We therefore urge you to expand your ban to encompass all major corporate sectors.

The acceptance of up to \$1 million from each corporation is of particular concern given that this year's inauguration will be predominantly remote, and costs of the event itself will be substantially down. The drive to raise so much money without a clear use for it is perplexing, and the appearance of doing so is disconcerting, as we must strive to stamp out the unfettered corruption that has defined the Trump era.

Barack Obama did not accept corporate contributions for his 2009 inaugural, and neither should Joe Biden. Rejecting corporate contributions to the inauguration fund is a key step this administration can take to signal where its allegiances lie - and whether it is serious about “building back better” in a way that remedies the longstanding ills of the country.

We call upon the Biden-Harris transition team to build upon their rejection of fossil fuel money and reject contributions from ALL corporate interests, including Wall Street, big tech, Pharma, military contractors, for-profit schools, and beyond.

Sincerely,

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350 Action
350 Seattle
Action Center on Race & the Economy
(ACRE)
Action Corps
Americans for Democracy & Human Rights
in Bahrain

Americans for Tax Fairness
Bend the Arc: Jewish Action
Blue Future
Blue Mountains Biodiversity Project
Call to Action CO
Catholic Network US
Center for Biological Diversity
Center for Popular Democracy

Climate Hawks Vote
CODEPINK
Colorado Businesses for a Livable Climate
Demand Progress
Fight for the Future
Freedom Forward
Friends of the Earth U.S.
Greenpeace
Justice Democrats
MediaJustice
Mijente
MoveOn
MPower Change
Oil Change U.S.
Open Markets Institute
Other 98%
Ultraviolet
Western New York Peace Center
Working Families Party

Our Revolution
Peace Action
People's Parity Project
People's Action
Presente
Project Blueprint
Public Citizen
Rapid Shift Network
Revolving Door Project
RootsAction.org
Social Security Works
SumOfUs
Sunrise Movement
Take On Wall Street
Tax March
The Freedom Bloc
World BEYOND War
X-Lab