

Dear Senator Eklund,

I am writing to ask you to oppose Senate Bill 33, which is an anti-democratic bill clearly designed to protect fossil fuel industries, prioritizing their assets over the democratic right of conscientious objectors to peacefully protest.

Since laws already exist to charge those who make the hard choice to participate in nonviolent civil disobedience in our communities, this bill is not necessary, and in fact is redundant, while at the same time increasing the penalties for citizens' protesting industrial activity that threatens the health and safety of themselves, their families and their children.

The effect of this bill will be to intimidate and bankrupt citizens who are exercising their democratic right to protest peacefully.

Thank you for opposing SB 33.

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