

Hello _____,

I am writing to invite _____ to co-sponsor an action to draw urgent attention to the **moral imperative** to stop funding new fossil fuel projects.

This action is to speak to **Big Finance** on the moral imperative to stop funding fossil fuel projects... it is directed at **TD Bank**, which continues to finance new fossil fuel infrastructure with billions of dollars, all while science is telling us to reverse course immediately to prevent climate catastrophe.

We are bringing faith leaders to the forefront of this gathering to highlight the **immorality of investments** that steal the future from coming generations.

Date and location: Friday, October 14th 4:15 - 5:15 in Academy Park across from the State Capital Building in Albany.

The message is clear: there must be no new investment in fossil fuel expansion - including excavation, production, and infrastructure.

Big Oil cannot operate without Big Finance... it is the big banks, asset managers and insurance companies that are financing climate disruption.

Turning off the money pipeline is one of the most effective ways to decrease the input of greenhouse gases into the environment.

Organized by **Rivers & Mountains GreenFaith Circle** in solidarity with these climate action groups:

Capital Region Interfaith Creation Care Coalition (CRICCC)

Kingston Interfaith Council

Green Sanctuary Committee - First Unitarian Universalist Albany

UU Catskills Climate Action Team

Buddhist Action Coalition - Upper Hudson & Berkshires

Mothers Out Front

Stop the Money Pipeline

People of Albany United for Safe Energy (PAUSE 350org)

Climate Advocates Bennington-350VT

350ma-Berkshires

Berkshire Environmental Action Team

No Fracked Gas in Mass

Community Advocates for a Sustainable Environment
Progressive Schenectady
Green Education and Legal Fund
Science of Spirituality
Tendai Buddhist Institute
Extinction Rebellion - Capital Region
Extinction Rebellion - Hudson Valley

Why TD Bank? - because it is symbolic of 'Big Finance' and the environmental calamities associated with their investments in fossil fuel excavation, production and distribution. TD Bank is one of the largest bankers of [tar sands projects](#) and the [Trans Mountain Pipeline](#) (TMX) in Canada.

For too long, the financial services sector has enabled the world's fossil fuel addiction. It is now time for financial service providers to accelerate the shift to renewables. The scientific and moral imperative is clear: there must be no new investment in fossil fuel expansion, including production, infrastructure and exploration. - António Guterres, UN Secretary-General.

If you can co-sponsor, then let's schedule a time to chat by phone or zoom.

In solidarity and with gratitude,

Michael.

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