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To: Outreach, Gov (GOV); Bianco, Todd (PUC)
Subject: Please say no to fossil fuel infrastructure in RI

Governor,

You said that you wouldn't want to move forward with the Invenergy power plant if there were any negative environmental or climate change impacts. This should be an easy decision, then. If you believe in climate change (and your use of the term makes me think you do), then there can be no new power plant. There can be no new fossil fuel infrastructure period. Not just in Burrillville, not just in Rhode Island, but anywhere.

Building this power plant (or other proposed fossil fuel projects, like the LNG liquefaction facility National Grid wants to build in Providence) would condemn us to a future of rising seas, disrupted ecosystems, extreme weather, and environmental disaster. This isn't a debatable point; it's just the science. Even if you could somehow convince yourself that the local environmental impacts wouldn't be that bad, there's no denying the negative impacts of the fracked gas and diesel that would be extracted elsewhere and trucked into our state. There's no denying the negative impacts from fossil fuels in general.

We're out of time. We can't afford to invest in so-called "bridge fuels," when we've already run out of road. Let's be part of the solution, and not be responsible for cementing a worst-case-scenario future. Let's invest in clean energy, let's put people to work building solar and wind farms, put people to work retrofitting older buildings, adding rooftop solar, building better public transportation, etc. Let's fund research into improving solar efficiency, building better batteries, and clean alternative fuels. There's an opportunity here for RI to be a leader in green tech. We could partner with other states in the region to become the "Silicon Valley" of our green future and create thousands of jobs in the process. But not if we continue to invest in natural gas.

Please say no to the power plant in Burrillville and say no to all new fossil fuel infrastructure in Rhode Island.

Thank you,
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