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Dear U.S. Senators and Representatives:

A coalition of energy industry lobbyists will descend on the Capitol this week to sell Congress on the idea that their technologies are clean and green. But the sponsors of “National Clean Energy Week” include some of the dirtiest actors in the energy industry. We’re writing to let you know we’re paying attention – and we hope you are too.

You can expect many of these so-called “clean energy” lobbyists to seek tax breaks and subsidies to bolster dangerous, expensive, and polluting technologies such as:

- Biomass (burning wood and papermill wastes for energy), which is costly, dirty, and emits more CO₂ than coal per megawatt hour
- Carbon capture and storage, which is so energy intensive it requires burning more fuel just to run the equipment
- Nuclear power, which generates thousands of tons of highly radioactive waste – yet we still don’t have a safe way to store it
- Garbage incinerators, aka “waste to energy,” which emit mercury, dioxins, and other hazardous air pollutants and generate millions of tons of toxic ash
- Fracked gas, which contaminates groundwater, pollutes the air, and emits methane, a potent climate warming gas

Dirty energy lobbyists prefer to work in a “post-fact” environment, but greenhouse gases, air pollution, and toxic wastes from these technologies demonstrably impact our health, our environment, and our changing climate.

The climate crisis is real, and these clean energy claims are phony. We urge you to support investments in truly clean energy, like energy efficiency and solar, wind, and geothermal power. Taxpayer dollars should not support dangerous and dirty technologies masquerading as “clean energy.”

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