

Minnesota Voices on Climate Change

Dear Legislator,

Across our communities, we are all eyewitnesses to our rapidly changing climate, as well as the devastating and linked impacts of racial injustice and the global pandemic.

Our communities are demanding urgent and deep transformations of the systems that exploit our families, our neighbors, and our planet. We believe that Black lives matter, whether facing police violence or environmental pollution; that Treaty rights are the law of the land; that migrants fleeing war, poverty, and climate disaster deserve opportunity; and that all people deserve to enjoy safe and healthy spaces where they live, work, and play.

We urge you to take action for climate justice with solutions that address the root of our joint crises of climate change and racial injustice — action that will result in clean air and clean water that all of us deserve. This means we want you to consistently act in support of climate solutions that:

- end fossil fuel pollution on Native lands and in communities of color,
- end police violence against water protectors and the military protection of industry,
- provide healthy jobs and affordable energy for working families and communities, and
- decarbonize and decolonize our systems to live together sustainably on this earth.

As your constituents, we are committed to holding you, our elected officials, accountable to represent us in advancing transformative and robust solutions. We must dismantle racist and exploitative systems and reimagine economic and social structures where all communities can thrive.

We need solutions that address the disparities in our communities and match the urgency of science to build an equitable and sustainable future.

Thank you,

Your constituents

Name	City	Comments
Lee Morgan	Annandale	
Paula Connolly	Anoka	
Quinn Swanson	Backus	

Nancy M Palmer	Baxter	I'm joining my energies with climate justice for all. None will survive unless we all put down our prejudices and find a common purpose. As a elected official I ask you to immerse in all forms of justice for every being on our planet. Lay down your political party affiliations and take up the stance of service to all. All capitalization of the environment must end now. Thank you!
Yanyan Zeng	Bloomington	
Yariet Montes Huerta	Bloomington	
Samantha Longley	Brooklyn Park	
Dana Slade	Burnsville	Please act promptly. Thank you!
Zara Boon	Byron	I want a future.
Bharat Balyan	Chaska	
Margaret Cyr	Columbia Heights	
Wendy Gonzalez-Baez	Columbia Heights	I urge you to act immediately with courage and wisdom for climate justice since our survival depends on it!
Logan D Rieder	Delano	
Anita Anderson	Duluth	Please help Minnesota be a leader in climate and racial justice. Our environment and citizens are worth it!
Jane Lindelof	Duluth	
Meredith Cornett	Duluth	We must multisolve around climate change and racial justice!
Samantha Schwanke	Eagan	
Maureen McDani	Eden Prairie	
Mary Livant	Edina	
Rachel Geissinger	Excelsior	
Mari Ojeda	Falcon Heights	
Ron Kroese	Falcon Heights	
Darwin Dyce	Ghent	All of us are called to lean into the impact our economic system has on race, environment, justice and climate change. You are in a unique position to help us do better. We are running out of time.
Cathryn Kennedy	Golden Valley	I have been advocating for Climate Solutions for years. Most recently as a board member for Climate Generation: A Will Steger Legacy. While there are many concerns facing our state and nation, I urge you to make racial equity in finding climate solutions a priority in 2021 and in all your work.
Eric Pasi	Golden Valley	
Erica Mack	Golden Valley	
Matthew Brown	Grand Marais	
Kerri Maher	Hugo	



Lisa Lindquist	Inver Grove Heights	Thank you for your time.
Jordan Almen	Kerkhoven	
Aaron Peloquin	Maple Grove	
		As a Science Teacher/Environmental Educator, Engineering/STEM Professional, and an Environmental/Climate change/Energy Advocate, I understand the science of climate change (causes, effects, solutions) and thus I wholeheartedly encourage you to take on this #1 global environmental issue to develop needed solutions!!
	There is only about 50 to 100 years of fossil fuels left in the world so we will have to switch to other energy sources sometime in the near future! Due to the damage caused by burning fossil fuels to the environment AND human health I strongly suggest we switch sooner than later!! Five million people die annually worldwide due to air pollution!!! We MUST eliminate our dependence on fossil fuels and prepare for the Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Revolutions (which have	
		already started!)! This MUST include the following: - Immediately stop ALL exploration and development of fossil fuel sources! - Immediately stop ALL development of fossil fuel infrastructure (e.g.
		pipelines, power plants)! - Eliminate ALL fossil fuel subsidies and tax breaks! - Increase spending on research and development of renewable energy, energy storage, smart grid technology, and improving energy efficiency and conservation! - Implement natural climate solutions (e.g. restoring and conserving the natural world/ecosystems)!
Brad Snyder	Maple Grove	 - 100% electrification of homes, buildings, and transportation systems (vehicles, buses, trucks, mass transit)! - Improve environmental and climate literacy of all citizens, but especially our youth!! - Be an environmental/climate voter!! Thanks!
Ashley Oliver	Maplewood	
Zitlali Ayala	Maplewood	
Kathryn Landes	Mayer	The raging fires and the hurricanes and flooding will not be stopping. This is urgent!
Abigail Moore	Minneapolis	
Alex Van Loh	Minneapolis	
Alisa Reckinger	Minneapolis	Times of upheaval and unrest are an opportunity to create a better future for everyone - we have that unique opportunity now. Let's work to make systemic change that will unsure a healthy and safe future for us all.



Alix Dvorak	Minneapolis	This problem is urgent. It only gets harder to solve the longer we do not take action. I know you have difficult jobs and there are so many needs. We must address multiple problems at once now with the same well-designed policies and resources. Thank you.
Anna Dovre	Minneapolis	
Aria Kronebusch	Minneapolis	
Barbara Norblom	Minneapolis	The time is now to envision a new, ethical and moral, way of doing things here in MN.
Betty Tisel	Minneapolis	
Brian Ingram	Minneapolis	
Caitlin Cohn	Minneapolis	
Cameran Bailey	Minneapolis	
Carlos Eduarte	Minneapolis	
Cecelia Heffron	Minneapolis	
Cheryl Olseth	Minneapolis	Thank you for caring for people and the planet. All residents of our city should have access to clean water and air. Unfortunately, residents of poor communities experience air toxicity much more frequently than those of us who life in affluent neighborhoods. Commercial manufacturing, no matter their location must to held to the standards.
Cheryl Ritenbaugh	Minneapolis	Those of us who seek fundamental change will no longer be divided over the ostensibly competing causes of eradicating racism and restoring the earth to survive climate change. These problems are different limbs of the same elephant all come from corporate greed and white supremacy, and represent the victory of cleverness and shortsightedness over wisdom. Now is the time to start in a new wisdom-guided direction. We depend on you, our leaders, to make Minnesota into one of the enlightened leaders of this new vision. In Minneapolis, there is a chance to build back better, build back green, move climate solutions to those impacted in the George Floyd protests. A great way to start!
Christine Popowski	Minneapolis	We need to stop racial injustice and climate change.
Clifton Ware	Minneapolis	Time is short for mitigation, please act now!
David Henry	Minneapolis	
Elizabeth Polakowski	Minneapolis	
Emily Neuharth	Minneapolis	
Emmalea Mulder	Minneapolis	
Gail Freedman	Minneapolis	The climate and racial justice is important to myself and my family.
Isabelle Sanna	Minneapolis	Our future is in your hands
Jeffrey Meek	Minneapolis	
Jessica Lynn	Minneapolis	



Kathy Steinhauer	Minneapolis	We must stop explotation by the fossil fuel industry.
Kelly Muellman	Minneapolis	There is no solution to the climate crisis without a reckoning with the shared roots of climate change and racial oppression. The extractive relationship with natural resources and human resources is immoral and unsustainable. The solutions to our challenges lay in respecting the value of all life (human, nature), and accounting for that value in our policy decisions. Our current "cost-benefit" calculations leave out (externalize) so much of the negative outcomes, including poverty, pollution, racial oppression, etc.
Kim Kokett	Minneapolis	
Kira Berglund	Minneapolis	
Kristen Meyer	Minneapolis	We need to center Race, Equity, and Justice in all of our Climate Work like the future of our planet depends on it. It does! It is time for deep change: reconstruction of comfortable, insulation systems of privilege. Please commit your work to systems change. Truly, we need solutions that address the disparities in our communities and match the urgency of science to build an equitable and sustainable future.
Lauren Henry	Minneapolis	
Layl McDill	Minneapolis	Climate justice is very important to all of us.
Lee E Samelson	Minneapolis	
Madison Olson Spartz	Minneapolis	
Marissa	Minneapolis	This needs to be top priority! Thinking that we need to solve one thing at a time and they aren't inextricably linked is craziness. We need BIG picture politicians and policy.
Matthew Douglas-May	Minneapolis	
Melissa Schneider	MInneapolis	
Nancy Rosenberg	Minneapolis	
Nicole Rom	Minneapolis	
Ogimaawaatig Amber Ruel	Minneapolis	We aren't going to have many more chances to get this right. The earth has given us so much and it is past time to fight for her and for all of her disenfranchised and suffering creations.
Rachael Adams	Minneapolis	Climate change is happening and those most affected need our support NOW.
River Fiocco	Minneapolis	
Ruth Lindh	Minneapolis	
Sadie R Gannett	Minneapolis	



Minneapolis	Minnesotans are sick of the inaction and partisan bickering, especially Senate leadership blocking action to address police violence, covid relief, or climate change. We need you to take urgent and bold action to protect our communities and our shared future. We need urgent and bold climate action that ends the harms fossil fuels have ravaged on our communities, and rebuilds our communities stronger to be resilient to current and future pandemics, current and future extreme weather events, and historical, current, and future racial injustice across our communities. We need climate action NOW that builds equitable green jobs, infrastructure, healthy air and water for all.
Minneapolis	All peoples deserve equal opportunities for justice racial justice, climate justice, food justice, housing justice, and economic justice.
Minneapolis	Climate justice and racial justice are inseparable, and our policies must provide for that justice for all peoples.
Minneapolis	Thank you for the work you have done so far there's more to do.
Minneapolis	We need to start now. No more waiting.
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Minneapolis	As a White-bodied climate activist, I find it is impossible to create real solutions that aren't integrated with racial justice. They are and should be one and the same.
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Minneapolis	Nothing but decline for our country until we right wrongs in terms of racial and environmental justice.
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Minneapolis	These are very concerns. Please take them seriously! Thank you!
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Minneapolis	The urgency is only increasing! All of our citizens depend upon you to make these actions for climate justice now. Thank you!
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Minnetonka	Please and Thank You.
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Jackie Smolen	Minnetonka	Whatever we do to the planet we do to ourselves. It is time we truly understand that. A few people Making lots of money is not more important than our survival. Let's really start caring for the planet we call home,.
Melissa Martensen	North Mankato	
Mary Claire Lawless	Oakdale	Please act!
Tom Hatlestad	Plymouth	
Steve Japs	Plymouth	
Johanna Holub	Richfield	
Megan Van Loh	Richfield	
Erin Michelle Merrill	Robbinsdale	
Lindsy Halleckson	Robbinsdale	
Zaria Romero	Rochester	I am a 19 year old who cares deeply about nature and the environment as well as equitable resources for everyone. We need to do better for our planet and our people.
Dienna Vazquez Sabol	Rochester	There are no topics more important.
Donna Peterson	Rosevile	
Lauri LaFavor	Roseville	
Julie Marckel	Saint Anthony	Please hear this message, the climate change is real - step up and make a difference. It is critical that our elected officials step up and recognize the critical actions that need to be taken to address climate change AND realize that climate change will impact the disenfranchised and marginalized communities the greatest. We urge you to take action for climate justice with solutions that address the root of our joint crises of climate change and racial injustice — action that will result in clean air and clean water that all of us deserve. I urge you to take action for climate justice with solutions that address the root of our joint crises of climate change and racial injustice
Allison Rykken	Saint Paul	
Amanda Krzmarzick	Saint Paul	
Anne Wendland	Saint Paul	
Barbara G Scott	Saint Paul	
Catherine R Nolet	Saint Paul	
Elizabeth Cardwell	Saint Paul	
Grace Pearson	Saint Paul	
Grant Carlson	Saint Paul	
Hannah Mendenhall	Saint Paul	
Heather Gavrish	Saint Paul	



Jeanne Landkamer	Saint Paul	Racial justice, economic fairness, and climate change are the defining issues of our time. They are completely interwined. We need bold action from you on all three. Thank you.
Karen Van Norman	Saint Paul	
Kim LaBo	Saint Paul	
Kim Lieberman	Saint Paul	The time is now to act on these critical issues. We cannot wait to address racial justice and climate justice in our communities and our nation.
Kristen L Poppleton	Saint Paul	
Martin J Hernandez	Saint Paul	
Melissa Partin	Saint Paul	
Michael Kleber-Diggs	Saint Paul	I'm particularly interested in economic justice and the various ways climate and energy policy impact BIPOC communities and marginalized communities.
Michael Russelle	Saint Paul	As a Soil Scientist who worked in agricultural and natural land for his entire career, I have seen the increased stresses that climate change brings in both natural and managed ecosystems. Feedbacks, some of which were not foreseen, are accelerating climate change. We absolutely must change course, and we absolutely must change now.
Rachel Dillon	Saint Paul	
Reed Aronow	Saint Paul	
Remi Eichten	Saint Paul	Thank you for taking climate justice & racial justice seriously. We can't wait anymore, now is the time!
Ron Kroese	Saint Paul	
Sheila M Sullivan	Saint Paul	Racial equality and climate change are both huge issues that need to be prioritized. Young people and older people alike are calling for these changes!
Signe Peterson	Saint Paul	People are not separate from nature. When a person makes a decision that is harmful to the Earth, they cannot be trusted to make decisions that are for the well-being of other human beings.
Suzanne Swanson	Saint Paul	
Taylor Severson	Saint Paul	
Todd Lane	Saint Paul	
Vivian Henry	Saint Paul	
Zöe Pettit	Saint Paul	Climate change is real and our actions and policies must start reflecting the urgency that we know we have to have with our changing Earth.
Tim Pratt	Shoreview	
Steve Dietz	Shorewood	West Metro Climate Action holds a rally for climate justice and racial justice every Saturday at 10 am on the Arcola Bridge in Minnetonka Beach. We would be honored to have you participate in support any week. https://bit.ly/wmca-arcola



Jessica Knighton	St. Louis Park	
Rick Gravrok	St. Louis Park	Some humor 4 U: Why did the guy get a job at the bakery? He Kneaded the dough
Clayton Dumcum	Stillwater	The pandemic we're experiencing has highlighted the need for equity for communities that already struggle with the effects of climate injustice, healthcare injustice, and legal injustices.
Katherine D. Doerr	Wayzata	
Kathy Jones	Wayzata	
Sheryl Bolstad	White Bear Lake	Climate change affects persons of color more than White people. We cannot have Climate justice without racial justice.

