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Dear Deputy National Security Advisor Pyle:

On behalf of our millions of members and supporters, we write to you with deep concerns that the Japan-led G7 process could endorse the expansion of global Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) supplies. Because official support for new LNG infrastructure is incompatible with the Biden Administration's climate and environmental justice commitments, the United States should strenuously resist this outcome.

As the [International Energy Agency](#) and others have made clear, there is no preventing a 1.5C world without preventing new oil and gas investments. Every LNG terminal that comes online risks locking-in decades of avoidable climate pollution and environmental injustice. Given the pipeline of projects already under construction, it is widely expected that the global market will be glutted by mid-2025, leaving buyers trapped in inflexible long-term contracts and delaying the replacement of methane gas with cheaper renewables and efficiency.

With fossil fuel interests [unapologetically targeting](#) the G7, and Japan using its Presidency to seek support for new LNG, we call on the United States to prevent the gathering from endorsing dirty energy giveaways in the following areas:

- **Contracts:** New LNG projects require long-term contracts to secure commitments from lenders and other investors. The length of most contracts—generally at least 15 years—is a stark reminder that terminals breaking ground today will continue polluting long after meaningful climate thresholds have been crossed. The United States should oppose efforts in the G7 and other fora to expand LNG contracting, including through the creation of new market structures to aggregate demand.
- **Permitting Reform:** The permitting process for LNG in the United States already fails to consider climate, communities and consumers, serving as a rubber stamp for industry. The Biden Administration should vehemently resist any attempt to further expedite LNG permitting across G7 countries in ways that would further weaken community input and the assessment of climate and environmental justice impacts.
- **Public Finance:** Export Credit Agencies and other public financiers have played a disproportionate role in the LNG boom to date, with G20 countries providing [\\$78 billion](#) in credit and other investments for projects around the globe. The US EX-IM Bank alone is responsible for almost \$5 billion with the potential for billions more under its new facility for financing domestic projects. The United States should rapidly implement the Glasgow Statement to phase out its own financing of fossil fuels, including LNG, and call on Japan to join the rest of the G7 as a signatory.
- **“Clean” LNG Certification:** Recent announcements indicate that the DOE and representatives from other G7 countries are working with fossil fuel interests to develop an international certification framework for the carbon intensity of LNG. While there is an urgent need for strong and well-enforced methane regulations, this type of certification scheme risks simply helping LNG companies sell more of their product and secure more contracts for new facilities. It is extremely

difficult to accurately measure the methane leakage and carbon intensity of the LNG supply chain, and we are skeptical that this type of certification would be meaningful or rigorous; more likely, it will amount to little more than greenwashing that conceals the climate and environmental justice harms of LNG.

It would be a climate and environmental justice disaster if the coming G7 was hijacked to support LNG. We urge the Biden Administration to stand firm and lead the way for fossil-free diplomacy.

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