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Groups Call on Senator Sinema and Senator Kelly to Support Bold Climate Action and to vote “Yes” on the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022

(Phoenix, Arizona) - Today, **Sierra Club - Grand Canyon Chapter, Moms Clean Air Force, Mi Familia Vota, Arizona Interfaith Power and Light, Poder Latinx, Defend Our Future**, and other groups delivered a petition signed by 560 Arizonans to both Senator Kyrsten Sinema and Senator Mark Kelly’s office to deliver a message to them that Arizona needs the bold climate action included in the [Inflation Reduction Act of 2022](#), the largest package of investments ever in clean energy, environmental justice, and climate action.

Included in the bill are the following:

- Game-changing investment of hundreds of billions of dollars in tax credits for clean energy like solar and wind, clean transportation, decarbonized buildings, and clean energy manufacturing in the U.S., all set to lower emissions, create family-sustaining jobs, and reduce energy costs for over a decade;
- Cross-cutting environmental, equity, and labor standards that move us toward a whole-of-government approach to incorporating these standards into public investments and ensuring accountability;
- Methane Emissions Reduction Program, improving methane monitoring, funding environmental restoration, and helping communities reduce the health effects of pollution and increase their climate resilience;
- Funding for effective review and community engagement on proposed infrastructure projects under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA);
- Funding for urban parks and resilience for tribal communities, new resources for Environmental Justice communities to clean up legacy pollution and for rural communities to take advantage of lower cost, clean energy sources;
- New greenhouse gas reduction fund to provide low-cost financing for clean energy projects, with at least 60 percent of the benefits of these investments flowing to disadvantaged communities, in line with the president’s Justice40 commitments.

“Senator Sinema and Senator Kelly, we’re counting on you to help bring home this important climate and environmental justice package to ensure that those in Arizona most impacted by climate change will have tools to better ensure resiliency in their communities, that our air and water will be cleaner, and that our state will benefit from these clean energy investments,” said

Sandy Bahr, chapter director for Sierra Club's Grand Canyon Chapter. "The Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 and its investments in clean energy, environmental justice, and climate action are one of the best opportunities we have to put Arizona on track for a more sustainable and just future."

"We are calling on our leaders to deliver for Arizonans and young people all across this country," said **Alex Ross, Community Organizing Manager, Defend Our Future.** "The Inflation Reduction Act will help us address the most pressing challenges of the climate crisis by providing communities with the investments needed to mitigate the worst effects. For our state, record breaking heat waves and flash floods are stark reminders that the climate crisis is already here. Young people will face the consequences of our actions today, so it is essential that Congress pass this package before August Recess."

"Moms, Dads, Grandparents, and others committed to a safe habitable future have been making our voices heard for bold climate, justice, and jobs legislation from Congress through Reconciliation," said **Hazel Chandler, Arizona Field Organizer for Moms Clean Force.** "Now, the [Inflation Reduction Act of 2022](#), is an unprecedented opportunity to get historic investments in climate, justice, clean energy, and jobs, over the finish line and to lower costs for families and help slash climate pollution in the U.S. by an estimated 40 percent by the end of the decade. We urge Senator Kelly and Senator Sinema to vote yes."

"People of faith and conscience have long demanded that we hear the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor," said **Rev. Doug Bland, Director, Arizona Interfaith Power & Light.** "We pray that the proposed Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 is not too little, too late. We urge Congress to act immediately to put us on the path to cutting emissions in half by 2030. The fight will not be over with this bill, it must be paired with bold executive action from the Biden Administration, and state and local leadership."

This bill is far from perfect and includes provisions that could lock us into federal oil and gas leasing on public lands and waters, exacerbating the climate crisis, which we hope can be mitigated elsewhere, but it is critically important that the climate and environmental justice provisions move forward.

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