



Senator Joseph Donnelly Sr.
5400 Federal Plaza, Suite 3200
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Dear Senator Donnelly:

The climate is changing, and anyone who denies this shouldn't be in the White House cabinet. We are a group gathered today in support of the Whiting 41, leaders in the movement demanding that a just transition out of the fossil fuel era begin today. Join us in making this just transition happen.

It's up to the Senate to stop the nomination of Trump's Climate Denying Cabinet. Senator Donnelly, you must oppose the appointment of Rex Tillerson for Secretary of State, Scott Pruitt for Environmental Protection Agency Administrator, Ryan Zinke for Secretary of the Interior, and Rick Perry for Secretary of Energy. You must do everything in your power to protect our planet.

President-elect Trump has called climate change a Chinese hoax and has vowed to dismantle America's climate and clean energy policies. His nominees are climate deniers and leaders of the fossil fuel industry who will put profit over people at every turn.

Vice-President Elect Pence as governor of Indiana has shown a disregard for the human life and a lack of understanding of the urgent need to respond to Climate Change as if all of our lives depend upon it. Indiana's own industrial Calumet Region is home to steel and oil and the state of Indiana relies heavily on coal for energy production. This makes our region a potentially perfect model for leading the just transition out of the fossil fuel era. The transition to clean energy brings with it the opportunity for work. The legacy of dirty industry also provides an opportunity for leaders to demand justice and allow the people to reclaim and restore damaged land as we divest and reorganize ourselves as the fossil fuel era ends. East Chicago, Indiana is currently in the throes of an environmental disaster. The Calumet lead crisis is the result of corporate negligence and a lack of regulation. Hoosiers are in crisis and Governor Pence has been a no show.

Senator Donnelly, you cannot allow the appointment of climate deniers and big oil puppets to hold cabinet positions and lead the Environmental Protection Agency. You must do all you can to block those who would deny a just transition for your constituency. Please stand with us for a just, clean and prosperous future. Oppose Rex Tillerson for Secretary of State, Scott Pruitt for Environmental Protection Agency Administrator, Ryan Zinke for Secretary of the Interior, and Rick Perry for Secretary of Energy.

Sincerely,

350Indiana-Calumet, 350Indiana-Bloomington, and all of our allies in Indiana