

6. STOP SUBSIDIZING PLASTICS PRODUCERS.

For too long, the United States has subsidized the fossil fuel industry. It's time to stop the flow of financing to the petrochemical industry and the oil and gas industry that supplies its feedstocks.

- Direct the Department of Energy to end all loan and guarantee financing programs that increase plastics production, from extraction, pipelines, storage to manufacturing and export.
- Direct all federal agencies to ensure that polluters who enter into settlement agreements in connection with their violations of laws and regulations are not able to deduct the payments from their taxes.
- Direct the Department of Commerce to include alternatives to plastics as a cornerstone of its next Strategic Plan, including mechanisms for shifting federal financing and other support from the petrochemical industry to financing for alternatives to plastics, including reusable products as well as sustainable waste reduction and management technologies.
- Direct the EPA to enforce financial assurance obligations under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Remediation Act (Superfund) for oil refining and chemical manufacturing industries to ensure that companies are not self-bonded and are fully funding closure costs.
- Direct the Department of Commerce to advocate globally for the selection of U.S. suppliers of plastic alternatives in foreign government procurement opportunities, to provide assistance to green investors that want to do business

in and with the United States, and to produce other opportunities to promote plastics solutions that reduce impacts to public health and the environment.

7. JOIN INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS TO ADDRESS THE GLOBAL PLASTIC POLLUTION CRISIS THROUGH NEW AND STRENGTHENED MULTILATERAL AGREEMENTS.

For many years, the U.S. government has hindered the work of a growing number of countries to enact new and strengthen existing global governance structures to address the plastic pollution crisis. It is time for the U.S. to become a proactive partner with key allies to address the global plastic crisis by targeting production, consumption, and disposal.

- End the objection process to block the incorporation of the updated Basel Plastic Amendment into the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Decision Annexes.
- Work with Congress to ratify the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal and finalize implementing legislation for the Convention and Basel Ban.
- End the export of plastic wastes (including for “recycling”) to non-OECD countries.
- Publicly acknowledge the full lifecycle impacts of plastic pollution and microplastics on human health and marine and terrestrial ecosystems, and the need for new global governance to address those harms.