

Dear CT State Legislators,

I am writing to express my support for fossil fuel divestment.

I was born and raised in Connecticut, and have witnessed the persistent degradation of the water in this state. On formerly pristine lakes, signs now warn us about the fish. We sadly accept the water in our lakes and streams is no longer fit to drink, and now we are advised not to eat more than one meal per month of fish from these lakes. Why? Because the poisons in the atmosphere from burning fossil fuels are coming down with the rain and polluting everything. By what right will we allow our children to be poisoned? By what right do the fossil fuel companies destroy the ecosystem?

There is simply no justification for the poisoning and destruction of the environment, but by the twisted logic of the quarterly report, corporate executives of fossil fuel companies have a fiduciary obligation to continue fouling the environment and murdering the planet as long as doing so makes a positive contribution to their bottom line.

We the people, and you our elected representatives, have an obligation to make them stop.

To sell all investments in fossil fuel is one way to do that. To continue to hold investments in fossil fuel is to willingly participate in the destruction of life itself, and consent to the creation of an ever more toxic world.

Nobody knows the future, but we can try, and if millions of us try we may be able to create a cleaner, more equitable world. Let us be on the side of life, and let us start here and now, in Connecticut.

Sincerely,

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