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Dear Members of Congress,

The fossil fuel industry is lobbying for total legal immunity from any laws or lawsuits that could hold Big Oil and Gas companies accountable for fueling the climate crisis and polluting our communities. As health professionals, we say to our elected officials: **do not let the fossil fuel companies off the hook for the harms they are causing.**

The American Petroleum Institute and its allies are [pushing legislators](#) in Congress and in states to create a “liability shield” for fossil fuel companies — modeled on the [shameful 2005 law](#) protecting gun manufacturers from lawsuits. As health professionals who see the health harms of fossil fuel pollution and climate change on our patients and in our communities every day, we urge you to fight this fossil fuel industry proposal. We demand No Immunity For Big Oil.

Fossil fuel pollution [harms nearly every system](#) in our body, causing hundreds of thousands of premature deaths and increasing the risk of asthma, COPD, heart attack and stroke, neurological damage, and adverse reproductive outcomes. The direct health harms from fossil fuel pollution along with the health impacts of climate change are [costing hundreds of billions of dollars](#) in health-related costs in the U.S. each year. That’s on top of the [nearly \\$1 trillion](#) in damages from more frequent and intense climate-related disasters — extreme heat, floods, wildfires — that cause deaths, illness, and destruction of homes and communities.

Right now, American taxpayers and families are paying for these costs while struggling to make ends meet as they face skyrocketing increases in healthcare costs. Meanwhile, the fossil fuel industry continues to rake in massive profits. That’s not right.

We urge you to support Polluters Pay Superfund bills, and to reject legal immunity from accountability for harms for oil and gas companies.

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