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Hello,

My name is Sanjana Paul, I am an electrical engineer and researcher at MIT studying urban air quality and renewable energy. I am writing today to express my strong opposition to the New Fortress Energy Louisiana Project. As an environmental researcher, every single day I see the extreme harms that fossil fuels have brought to people and the planet we live on. It is nothing short of complete madness to continue to invest even a single cent or minute in any energy source that is not renewable, which does not include natural gas. I'm astounded that the Department of Energy, a highly respected authority on energy technologies and science, is even considering applications for new gas projects, against the recommendations of the global science community, and which will lock us into decades of continuing to use these dangerous materials for years to come.

I am further astounded that given the DOE's long-overdue focus on energy justice, projects like this one are still being considered. Specifically, I worry about the health and safety of the Grand Isle and surrounding Gulf Coast communities - has there been an effort to engage these communities in the planning process, given that they may be being left to become a [sacrifice zone](#)? I also worry about the environmental impact on species in the local area of Jefferson Parish that are listed as endangered, such as the [Pallid Sturgeon](#), which is listed on the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries' own site as endangered at both the federal and state level and therefore should technically be protected by the [endangered species act](#).

I am concerned that this project violates the Endangered Species Act, along with violating the goals of the Paris Agreement, which the United States re-entered in 2020. Has a full environmental impact assessment on the public health and biodiversity harms of this project been conducted and shared with the public to be able to make an informed decision? I did not see these issues addressed in the supplemental documents referenced on the docket.

I am confident our energy demand can be met with clean, renewable energy technology rather than dangerous energy sources that would not only lock in, but also expand dangerous dirty energy production, contributing to global climate change, environmental destruction, and environmental injustice, all of which are out of line with DOE's goals.

Thank you for your consideration, and I truly hope that DOE will fulfill its own goals by not allowing the continuation of dangerous energy projects like this one.

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