

Fossil Free! Divest and Take Action!



Bill McKibben leads the worldwide campaign to end fossil fuel energy and move to clean, renewable energy. I encourage you to go to his website (www.350.org) and view the video called, "Do the Math." It is one of the most moving climate change statements Nancy and I have seen.

McKibben is calling for universities, churches, cities, counties, states, and enlightened corporations to divest themselves of any stocks in the dirty energy companies that produce and sell natural gas, oil and coal. This is patterned after the divestiture movement of some years ago when institutions and companies were urged to divest their holdings of anything relating to apartheid.

Nancy and I think this is very exciting and absolutely the number one issue we must now focus on because if we don't stop loading our atmosphere with CO₂, there simply will not be enough oxygen remaining in the world to support human life. CO₂ in the atmosphere threatens every country, every religion, and every political party in existence. We are all in this together, and we are all threatened---every single person in the world. And the natural gas, oil and coal companies have enough reserves left in the ground to load the atmosphere with CO₂ in an amount that is 5 times more than the amount that will let us survive. So these companies (oil, natural gas and coal) must be stopped. They are engaging in the radical activity of threatening our planet in order to continue their profits. And we are being the conservatives asking that the people on our planet be allowed to survive. Human survival is being threatened.

And now we must find out all we can about what dirty, unrenewable energy stocks are being held by the University of California, the University of San Diego, the City of San Diego, the County of San Diego, and the churches. We must plan divestiture rallies at these institutions. Give it some thought!

--Derek Casady, President, LJDC