

# It's a Climate Emergency; let's act like it!

**Negotiations are happening NOW as to what will be in the Reconciliation "Build Back Better" Bill.**

**Fifty Republican senators never supported it. Two Democratic senators are holding out. Measures on climate are at risk.**

**With the Climate Summit a few days away, our input is critical.**

**What you can do:** Choose one, or more, or all of the actions below! Do as many as you can this week! We need to make sure Sen. Manchin and Sen. Sinema hear from us with our emails, calls, letters, and texts. Don't forget: share this campaign with friends ASAP.

For messages to your own legislators, start with "I am a constituent." It matters.

**1) PRIORITY: Call the offices of Senator Manchin (202-224-3954) and Senator Sinema (202 224-4521).** Tell them to stop holding up President Biden's Build Back Better Infrastructure package that includes the **Clean Energy Payment Program** and also supports good jobs and a wider safety net for families. West Virginia could use this bill to cap some of the old mines and get on board with clean electricity and green jobs. We are in a Climate Emergency, and we want them to act like it.

**2)** Sign the **Chesapeake Climate Action Network [CCAN petition](#)** that will be delivered to your legislators. It asks them to "Please pass the Build Back Better Act as quickly as possible, maintaining all the strong climate protections," especially the Clean Energy Payment Program.

**3)** Use the younger generation's **Sunrise Movement** platform to send an email to your legislators. Fill in your info and it will take you to a template which you can personalize: [Race to the COP](#)

**4)** Use the **Interfaith Power and Light (IPL)** platform to send an email, [Urgent Budget Alert](#), to your legislators. A template is provided - you can personalize it - to ask Congress to "keep climate in the reconciliation bill."

**5)** Use the same IPL platform (scroll down) to **call and tell "Your Senators and Representative to Keep Climate in the Reconciliation Bill!"** You can call them with the dialer provided or just get their numbers and call without the dialer. A suggested message is provided, [Urgent Budget Alert](#), which you can personalize.

**7)** Use the platform of the **Chesapeake Climate Action Network, CCAN**, to **call your legislators:** [Calls for Clean Energy](#). Fill in the information, and you will be connected to your legislators' offices.

**7) Write a personal letter** and email it and/or fax it to Senator Joe Manchin and to Senator Sinema. Have your family write a letter together or each can write individually. While writing personal requires more time, it is more impactful than form letters. Letters from are particularly impactful. Contact Information:

**Senator Joe Manchin**  
306 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington D.C. 20510  
Fax: 202-228-0002

**Senator Kyrsten Sinema**  
317 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510  
Email <https://www.sinema.senate.gov/contact-kyrsten>

Email: <https://www.manchin.senate.gov/contact-joe/email-joe>

**8) “DEAR SENATOR MANCHIN” Campaign:** Submit a short version of your personal letter as a “Letter to the Editor” to the New York Times (175 words maximum) or other local newspaper of your choosing as under the subject heading “DEAR SENATOR MANCHIN” (or “DEAR SENATOR SINEMA”). For more information on New York Times submission requirements see this website:

<https://help.nytimes.com/hc/en-us/articles/115014925288-How-to-submit-a-letter-to-the-editor>

Note: “Letters to Manchin” may reference the NY Times article of October 20, 2021 [“Key to Biden’s Climate Agenda Likely to Be Cut Because of Manchin Opposition”](#).

Letters to Sinema may reference the NY Times article of October 21, 2021 [“Calling Sinema an Obstacle to Progress, 5 Veterans Quit Her Advisory Council”](#).

The smaller the paper, the greater your chances are of having your letter. New Yorkers might instead wish to submit to: [The Daily News](#) (250 words max.) Below are links to a few newspapers in other cities. Check their guidelines.

[The Washington Post](#) (200 words max.)

[The Los Angeles Times](#) (shorter is better)

[The Boston Globe](#) (200 words max.)

[New Jersey Newspapers \(various\)](#)

The [Oregonian](#) (600 words max.)

[The Seattle Times](#) (200 words max.)

**9) Call West Virginia voters.** If you’re familiar with using a dialer, put in an hour of action with **Climate Changemakers**. Instructions are given at the top of the hour, and a script is provided; no preparation necessary. There are two sessions this week: on Wed., Oct. 27 from noon to 1:00 pm, and on Thurs., Oct 28 from 8 – 9 pm. [Events — Climate Changemakers](#)

Thank you for all you can do!

