



Dear colleague,

I'm writing to ask you to sign below in support of the Roll Beyond Coal campaign in Texas.

Texas is at an energy crossroads. New coal plants are a dangerous diversion to the clean energy and green jobs economy Texas is so well suited for and already leading. Today, we have twelve new proposed coal plants in the state, more than any other state in the nation. Yet, we also lead the nation in wind energy and have immense potential for further development in solar, wind and natural gas production. Together, we can help move Texas beyond dirty coal by supporting clean energy industries already based here.

And this campaign is not just about better jobs for our Texas economy. Coal plants are also a major health concern. Texas is already #1 in mercury emissions—which is particularly dangerous for pregnant women and children—and #1 in carbon dioxide emissions—the principal global warming gas. We also rank too high in smog and ozone emissions which studies have shown cause asthma, respiratory illnesses, heart disease, and contribute to cancer.

We should not let the coal industry and the state's failed air permitting regime to stand in the way of healthy communities and a clean, diversified energy future for Texas. The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has issued over 86,000 pollution permits since 1971 and only denied 6 applications. It's time for the TCEQ to protect Texans and not the industries, like the coal companies, it is supposed to be regulating.

By signing on, you support our work to:

- End the second wave of coal plants in Texas;
- Halt the permitting of any new coal plants in Texas until the TCEQ adheres to the Clean Air Act, and
- **Finalize a strong rule to require new and old coal plants to meet modern pollution standards for carbon** when new facilities are constructed or existing facilities are significantly modified.

Will _____ (xx-your organization/business—xx) sign this letter to Roll Beyond Coal in Texas?

Texas is an energy leader, and now is the time to Roll Beyond Coal. Texas has Energy solutions and should lead the nation not follow.

Will you join us to Roll Beyond Coal in Texas? We are doing virtual signatures, so all we need is your name, title, organization, phone# and email (we will not publicize your phone and email if you'd prefer).

Very Best,

Eva Hernandez

