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Rally in Newtown will Join Nationwide Protests Against Trump's 'Climate Denial Cabinet'

Event to Call on Senators Toomey and Casey to vote against Trump's fossil fuel industry appointees

Newtown, PA -- On Monday, January 9th, 350.org Bucks County and other environmental and human rights advocates from throughout the County will join in a nationwide day of action against President-elect Trump's Climate Denial Cabinet. The event begins at 6:00 p.m. at the Newtown Friends Meetinghouse, 219 Court Street. People will urge Senators Toomey and Casey to stand against climate denial and hate, and with science and our communities. Widener Law Scholar in Residence for Sustainability Ethics and Law Donald Brown will speak on "Prospects for Preventing Catastrophic Climate Change In Light of the Recent Marrakech International Climate Negotiations," followed by a march through Newtown.

During his campaign, Donald Trump repeatedly claimed he would attempt to "drain the swamp" of Washington, DC. Since the election, however, Trump has appointed climate deniers to every single cabinet position pertaining to energy and environment. In all 50 states, people are urging Senators to stand up to Trump's Climate Denial Cabinet: Scott Pruitt for EPA Administrator, ExxonMobil CEO Rex Tillerson as Secretary of State, Rick Perry as Energy Secretary, and Ryan Zinke as Secretary of the Interior.

Trump's Climate Denial Cabinet will continue to prioritize greed and profit over the lives and livelihoods of our climate and our communities. If Senators Toomey and Casey recognize the real and present threat of climate change, they must take a stand against the denialism of Trump's Administration. Neutrality is not an option.

Donald Brown is Scholar in Residence and Professor for Sustainability Ethics and Law at Widener's Environmental Law and Sustainability Center. Professor Brown is a contributing author the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's 5th Assessment Report. Professor Brown was at Penn State University where he taught interdisciplinary courses on climate change and sustainable development. He also directed the Pennsylvania Environmental Research Consortium, an organization of 56 Pennsylvania universities and the Pennsylvania Departments of Environmental Protection and Conservation and Natural Resources. He previously worked as program manager for United Nations Organizations at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Office of International Environmental Policy. He represented the agency on U.S. delegations to the United Nations negotiating climate change, biodiversity and sustainable development issues. At Widener Law, he teaches international law, climate change law, and human rights law. For more on his publications, see <http://commonwealthlaw.widener.edu/faculty/detail/10/> He manages an award winning blog on climate ethics: <https://ethicsandclimate.org/>.

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