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Dear Mr. Ogunlesi,

The more than 80 undersigned organizations and individuals are asking Global Infrastructure Partners (GIP) to halt the proposed Rio Grande Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) terminal.

[Global Infrastructure Partners Fund V](#) is an investor in the proposed [Rio Grande LNG](#) through Global Infrastructure Partner's \$3.5 billion investment, making the firm the largest investor with a [minimum 46% ownership stake](#) in the project. This comes after French bank Société Générale [pulled](#) support for the project in 2022. GIP's Rio Grande LNG project is among several proposed LNG terminals that have been "repeatedly delayed due to rising construction, labor and borrowing costs" and volatile gas prices, [according to Reuters](#).

There has been significant community and legal opposition to this project for the last eight years. If built, the Rio Grande LNG terminal is estimated to emit the equivalent [emissions of 44 coal power plants every year](#), about 163 million tons of carbon dioxide equivalent.

The [Rio Grande LNG terminal would be built on](#) the sacred land of the Carrizo Comecrudo Tribe of Texas which has never been consulted by the LNG company, federal regulatory agencies and GIP. Rio Grande LNG would also be the biggest polluter of chemicals that impact respiratory health in the economically disadvantaged region that is home to Latinx and Indigenous communities. Additionally, [the facilities would significantly degrade](#) local fishing, shrimping and natural tourism industries putting communities' livelihoods at risk.

Due to these risks, communities across South Texas have opposed Rio Grande LNG. The city of [Port Isabel joined a lawsuit](#) against the Federal Energy Regulatory Agency (FERC), alleging the agency had not conducted a sufficient environmental review. The [Laguna Vista Town Council](#), the [South Padre Island City Council](#), and Long Island Village unanimously adopted resolutions opposing the Rio Grande LNG terminal. The Point Isabel School District that represents these communities [rejected a tax abatement](#) for Rio Grande LNG. Communities across South Texas are building momentum in their fight against the Rio Grande LNG terminal and will only continue to fight.

LNG exports are not in alignment with the 1.5 degree warming targets of the Paris Agreement and thus poses financial risks to GIP and its investors. EPA research found that LNG exports from existing terminals have driven up [carbon dioxide emissions](#), which would be more than doubled by proposed development of new LNG terminals. The harms of LNG are exacerbated by emissions through leakage through the transportation process, according to a [study recently submitted to a](#) peer-reviewed journal by a professor at Cornell University. US consumers are also affected by LNG exports. Increased exports of LNG subject US consumers to [fluctuations in global markets and raise domestic gas prices](#) according to [analysts at the Energy Information Administration](#).

Future global demand for LNG is also highly uncertain. The IEA forecast that demand for gas, oil and coal will all peak before 2030, and has noted that demand for gas growth has slowed considerably, leading to concerns about a [“glut of LNG.”](#) Sinking millions of dollars into massive gas infrastructure exposes communities and investors to [financial and environmental risks](#).

To address the financial, social, and ecological risks of the Rio Grande LNG terminal, we urge Global Infrastructure Partners to halt the construction of the Rio Grande LNG terminal in Brownsville Texas and to immediately withdraw from the project.

Thank you,

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Climate Conversation Brazoria County  
Better Brazoria: Clean Air & Water  
198 methods  
San Antonio Bay Estuarine Waterkeeper  
Clean Energy Now Texas  
Bayou City Waterkeeper  
Coalition Against Pipelines  
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Break Free From Plastic  
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