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Following Gov. Brown's Remarks at the UN Climate Summit Bill McKibben and Californians Against Fracking Issue Statement on Gov. Brown and California's Commitment to Climate Action

As a global leader in climate action, California must also ban fracking

NEW YORK – Following Gov. Jerry Brown's remarks at the U.N. Climate Summit today, Bill McKibben and Californians Against Fracking, issued statements on California's climate action. In his remarks today, Gov. Brown noted that carbon emissions are casting a "dark shadow" on the state. While California is making progress in addressing climate change, its efforts are stymied by continued fracking in the state, which only serves to pollute our air, water and communities.

President of 350.org Bill McKibben said today, "Jerry Brown has a well-deserved and long-lived reputation as a green leader. That's why he needs to lead in the fight against fracking, one of the essential battles at this crucial moment of the campaign to slow global warming. The scientists are doing their best to send him a message, and so is Mother Nature, and I'm pretty sure he's wise enough to figure it out."

Kassie Siegel of the Center for Biological Diversity and Californians Against Fracking said, "Climate leaders don't frack. As this toxic technique expands in California, fracking pollution threatens our air and water and undermines the Golden State's efforts to fight global warming. Fracking emits huge amounts of methane and opens up large new sources of dirty, carbon-intensive oil. It's time for Gov. Brown to protect our climate by banning fracking."

Last week, Food & Water Watch, issued a <u>comprehensive review of the science behind fracking's impacts</u>. The report, The Urgent Case for a Ban on Fracking, finds that the only path to a sustainable energy future must include a ban on fracking.

<u>Californians Against Fracking</u> is a coalition of about 200 environmental business, health, agriculture, labor, political and environmental justice organizations working to win a statewide ban on fracking in California. Follow @CAagainstFrack on Twitter.

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