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Regulation on improving the framework conditions for the development of LNG infrastructure in Germany

Dear Madam or Sir,

On 7th of June 2019, the German Bundesrat is expected to vote on the “Regulation on improving the framework conditions for the development of LNG infrastructure in Germany”. Prior to this, on 23rd of May 2019, it will be discussed by the Bundesrat Committee on the Environment. We call on you not to endorse this regulation.

With this regulation, the German Government proposes that the construction and operation of the connecting pipeline for the envisaged LNG terminals in Brunsbüttel, Wilhelmshaven and Stade should be paid for by the gas consumers instead of the operators of the LNG facilities. The reason being, that this is a prerequisite for the LNG terminals being economically attractive for investors. The investment costs, which would have to be borne by the gas consumers, amount to more than 130 million Euros. The operating costs of around 2 million Euros per year would come on top of this. We reject this method: Consumers should not be forced to pay to make fossil technologies attractive for investors.

Environmental Action Germany (Deutsche Umwelthilfe) opposes the installation of LNG terminals, as they are primarily designated for the import of fracked gas from the US. Statements by Minister of Economic Affairs Peter Altmaier as well as by Energy Secretary Rick Perry, made that very clear. However, unconventional fracking does not only involve significant environmental pollution at the extraction site but fracked gas needs to be phased out for climate protection purposes. According to the Federal Ministry for the Environment, fracked hydrocarbons being transported to Germany in form of LNG are just as climate-damaging as coal. Dirty gas instead of dirty coal cannot be the solution to combating climate change.

Initiated by several federal states, the vote that had originally been scheduled at an earlier date, was postponed. Climate and consumer protection issues raised by us contributed to that decision. The young generation is standing up against fossil fuels as well, showing that their time has long

passed. In cooperation with Environmental Action Germany, students from Fridays for Future initiated the petition #NoFracking: No new terminals for climate killer gas! which was so far signed by almost 50.000 people.

Politics must be future-oriented and sustainable. Fossil gas has no place in such a future and this is even more true for fracked gas. Join the future generations and reject this regulation! Do not allow further climate-damaging infrastructure to be built. Commit yourself to the accelerated development of renewable energies.

For any further questions please don't hesitate to contact us.

Best regards,



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