

Senators introduce bill targeting fossil fuel industry

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WASHINGTON, D.C. – Senators Ed Markey and Elizabeth Warren are joining efforts to pass legislation targeting fossil fuel industries, specifically their benefit from public funds and their lack of transparency of climate related risks. Both senators introduced legislation on April 15 focusing on changing the expectations and regulations for fossil fuel industries. Markey joined Senators Bernie Sanders and Ilhan Omar in presenting the End Polluter Welfare Act, which Warren has also co-sponsored, that they say would close tax loopholes and end federal subsidies for oils, gas, and coal industries targeting fossil fuel companies for their role in impacting global warming and pollution including greenhouse gas emissions. According to a release from Markey's office announcing the proposed Act, American taxpayers provide \$15 billion

in federal subsidies to the industry with an estimated \$115 million used for lobbying Congress during the 2020 election season. The Act is also co-sponsored by Senators Jeff Merkley, Cory Booker, Chris Van Hollen, and Congresswoman Nanette Diaz Barragan. "It is ridiculous that the federal government continues to hand out massive giveaways to antiquated fossil fuel industries that are not only financially risky but are also a driving force for climate chaos' devastating wildfires, hurricanes, droughts, floods, and extreme winter storms," said Merkley in a statement. "Those giveaways are even more egregious at a time when working families and small businesses across America – who pay their fair share in taxes – are fighting to get through this pandemic. Enough. It's time to put the health of the American people and our economy above the wish lists of powerful special interests, close these loopholes, and put an end to taxpayer

subsidies for fossil fuels." The bill would also end federal support of international fossil fuel projects and has received the endorsement of 85 organizations. Warren introduced a bill of her own on April 15 alongside Representative Sean Casten called the Climate Risk Disclosure Act of 2021. This bill would require public companies to disclose additional information about their exposure to climate-related risks through increased market transparency obligations. The bill has also received support from Markey, as well as 13 other senators and six other congressmen in addition to Casten. If approved in its current form, the bill would require disclosure of greenhouse gas emission data, fossil-fuel related assets, risk management strategies and more. "It's time to wake up and fight back against giant corporations that want to pollute our environment and ask taxpayers to clean up the mess," said

Warren. "I'm glad to reintroduce the Climate Risk Disclosure Act to give investors, and the American public, the power to hold corporations accountable for their role in the climate crisis." Markey also released a statement on the legislation. "We can protect our economic stability and protect the planet at the same time," he said. "The climate crisis is an immediate and ongoing threat to our economy, businesses, and communities and everyone needs to know the risks it poses. Our goal is 100 percent clean, renewable, zero-emissions energy sources, and disclosures in our financial system need to reflect the future of that energy system." Both acts come on the heels of President Joe Biden's American Jobs Plan which includes several calls to action related to reducing greenhouse emissions and tax loopholes for fossil fuel companies.

Central Mass. Agency on Aging, Sheriff's office announce ElderCare program

WORCESTER — Dr. Moses Dixon, Executive Director & CEO of Central Massachusetts Agency on Aging and Worcester County Sheriff Lew Evangelidis are pleased to announce ElderCare 2021 -

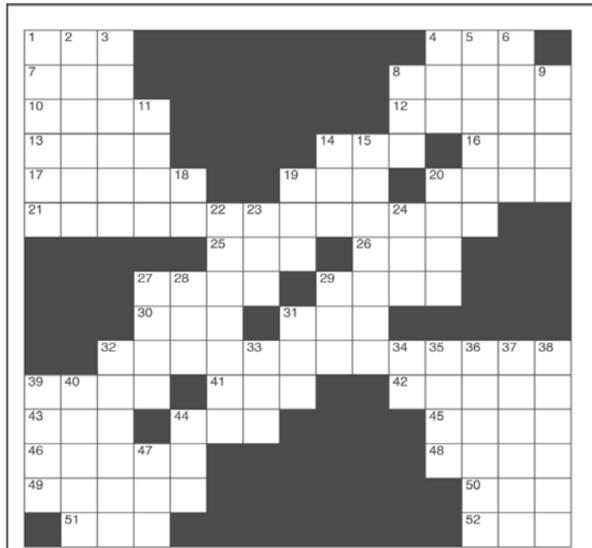
"Communities of Strength, A Celebration of Older Americans." This year, ElderCare 2021 will be a virtual pre-recorded 90-minute broadcast featuring an impressive guest speaker line-up, edu-

cational & public safety presentations, messages of support for older adults as well as local resources. "We are particularly excited about this year's ElderCare event because it is launching during Older Americans month and the theme for this year is 'Communities of Strength.' This year's theme is very important after a year of COVID-19 and the devastation it's caused for older Americans. We look for events such as this to be a part of that community of strength for older adults in Central Massachusetts," said Dr. Moses Dixon, Executive Director & CEO of Central Massachusetts Agency on Aging.

ElderCare 2021 will premiere on May 3, 2021 on most local cable access stations across Worcester County as well "CMAA SeniorConnection" on YouTube. Topics will include; Truths & Myths About COVID-19, Safeguarding Seniors, CBD Use for Older Adults, Mental Health for Seniors and Elder Law. A distinguished panel of guest speakers include; Dr. Erik Dickson, President & CEO of UMass Memorial Healthcare & Hospital, Worcester County Sheriff Lew Evangelidis, Executive Director & CEO of Central Massachusetts Agency on Aging, Dr. Moses Dixon, Elder Law Attorney Polly Tatum and experts on CBD, Mental Health and a COVID-19 Vaccination Panel.

The Worcester County Sheriff's Office is excited to be part of this tremendous virtual event for our seniors. In addition to important health, wellness and public safety information, the program promises to be highly informative and entertaining. We are proud to partner with the Central Massachusetts Agency on Aging for ElderCare 2021, providing a wealth of important information for older adults from the comfort and safety of their home," said Worcester County Sheriff Lew Evangelidis.

Contributing sponsors for ElderCare 2021 include, UMass Memorial Health Care, University of Massachusetts Medical School, Reliant Medical Group, Unibank, Fallon Health, WTAG, District Attorney Joseph D. Early's Office. For more information please contact Amber Krasinski at akrasinski@seniorconnection.org or 774-239-5961.



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Ocean surface indicator (abbr.)
- 4. American time
- 7. Satisfaction
- 8. Diving duck
- 10. Very small amount
- 12. Metrical units
- 13. An ignorant or foolish person
- 14. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
- 16. It may sting you
- 17. Turn outward
- 19. Perform on stage
- 20. "CSI" actor George
- 21. Localities
- 25. Make a choice
- 26. Indicates position
- 27. One of Thor's names
- 29. Indian musical rhythmic pattern
- 30. "The Raven" author
- 31. Take in solid food
- 32. Legendary QB
- 39. Sorrels
- 41. Organization of nations
- 42. Texas pharmaceutical company
- 43. Mathematical term
- 44. Expression of disappointment
- 45. Abba __, Israeli politician
- 46. Hide away
- 48. Salad restaurant
- 49. Daughters of Boreas (mythology)
- 50. Men's fashion accessory
- 51. Political action committee
- 52. Unhappy

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Make unhappy
- 2. Heard the confession of
- 3. Capital of Taiwan
- 4. Fiddler crab
- 5. Brazilian dances
- 6. Fit with device to assist breathing
- 8. Brother or sister
- 9. Pastries
- 11. "Lone Survivor" director Peter
- 14. Boat type (abbr.)
- 15. Apertures (biology)
- 18. Suffix
- 19. Creative endeavor
- 20. Icelandic poem
- 22. Spanish dances
- 23. Town in Central Italy
- 24. Cars need it
- 27. Mimics
- 28. Rocky peak
- 29. Cigarette (slang)
- 31. One point south of due east
- 32. Soap actress Braun
- 33. Large domesticated wild ox
- 34. Island nation
- 35. Appear
- 36. Addictive practices
- 37. Loss of control of one's body
- 38. Type of poster
- 39. Greek mountain
- 40. Funny person
- 44. One and only
- 47. Pouch

QCC anticipates reopening of Early Childhood Education Lab School

WORCESTER — Quinsigamond College President Luis G. Pedraja, Ph.D. has announced the anticipated reopening of the Early Childhood Education Lab School during the Fall 2021 semester. The Lab School serves as a lab/training site for students in QCC's Early Childhood Education program.

At the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Lab School closed when the College transitioned to remote instruction; however, QCC's Early Childhood Education students continued their education through remote instruction. During remote operations, President Pedraja and the QCC Board of Trustees supported a program review, which examined and renewed the College's commitment to the Lab School. "This renewed commit-

ment directly responds to the needs of the Early Childhood Education program, and is in accordance with QCC's strategic plan and equity initiative," President Pedraja said. "The Lab School will have a phased reopening that is in accordance with licensure, health, and safety protocols, as is consistent with the reopening plans of the College." Last month QCC released its plans to resume in-person services for the Fall 2021 semester following all health and safety protocols, while continuing to maintain strong online course offerings and student support services. For more information about QCC, contact Josh Martin, Director of Institutional Communications at 508-854-7513 or jmartin@qcc.mass.edu.

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