

# U.S. Chamber Actions to Obstruct Climate Action 2021 Q1

- On May 11th the Chamber Litigation Center filed an [amicus brief](#) in *Michigan v. Enbridge Energy* against the state of Michigan, supporting Enbridge which is the operating company of the highly controversial Line 5. The U.S. Chamber is once again paying lawyers to protect fossil fuel interests.
- On March 31st, the Chamber generated press with a [statement](#) that the Biden administration's American Jobs Plan was "dangerously misguided when it comes to how to pay for infrastructure." The plan includes measures to invest more than \$1 trillion in infrastructure that will help the US economy adapt to, and mitigate, climate change.
- On March 17th, the Chamber published a set of "[Principles and Priorities](#)" aimed at informing the Administration's upcoming NDC. The white paper: (1) makes no mention of science-based targets; (2) argues to limit the scope of the administration's goals, which they want to be, "presented as a range that allows for ambition flexibility;" (3) argues for continued public policy support for coal, which is the most polluting source of energy.
- On March 16th, the Chamber sent a [letter](#) to the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) acting Chair, asking the Commission to put brakes on its new Climate and ESG Task Force, which will "develop initiatives to proactively identify ESG-related misconduct," according to the SEC.
- On March 8th, the Chamber Litigation Center filed an [amicus brief](#) in *PennEast Pipeline Co., LLC v. New Jersey* in favor of the plaintiff. PennEast is currently suing New Jersey for the right to use eminent domain to seize state-owned land to build their pipeline.
- On February 18th, the Chamber Litigation Center filed an [amicus brief](#) in *State of New York v. EPA*. They moved to help defend the 2020 review of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for Ozone, which was [criticized](#) as sorely lacking by health groups.
- On February 16th, the Chamber sent a [letter](#) to government agencies asking to be consulted on the Biden administration's new "social cost of carbon." The Chamber lobbied in 2015 and 2017 to completely get rid of this policy for climate change mitigation.
- On January 27th, the Chamber [co-hosted](#) a press conference with the American Petroleum Institute to criticize the Biden administration's pause on drilling on federal lands.

- On January 20th, the Chamber generated press with a [statement](#) in opposition of the Biden administration's executive order to stop work on the Keystone XL Pipeline. The pipeline was planned to transport Canadian tar sands oil, which is one of the most polluting fossil fuels.