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**Frack Outta BK Affirms Commitment to Climate Self-Determination, Mistrust of Politicians**

*Canarsie and Munsee Lenape Land (Bushwick, NY)*— Yesterday, Frack Outta BK (FOBK) learned that New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio “joined with advocates and elected officials to call on National Grid to halt the North Brooklyn Pipeline project.” De Blasio’s announcement opposing National Grid’s racist, toxic North Brooklyn pipeline erases and dismisses the work Frack Outta BK has put into bringing this fight into the light over the past year. As an anti-colonial Black, Brown, and Indigenous-led collective, we recognize this is a toxic pattern and tactic historically employed by elected officials like Bill de Blasio and the rest of the political misleadership class. FOBK members were among those who chained their bodies to the pipeline. FOBK did critical and extensive outreach to community members to support education about the new fossil fuel infrastructure through teach-ins, town halls and public facing rallies. And we will continue to raise hell until National Grid gets the frack outta Brooklyn. We know that settler politicians can’t be trusted, and that real power lies with the people. We know that words from politicians like de Blasio are useless unless backed by concrete action that will actually stop the environmental neglect and systemic racism that fuels such projects like this pipeline.

Pati Rodríguez of Mi Casa Resiste said, “Black and Brown people have been fighting gentrification and extractive capitalism in New York City for decades. The fact that a NYC Mayor is publicly acknowledging the environmental racism being committed against low-income Black and Brown neighborhoods in Brooklyn sets powerful precedent, and it only happened because of community pressure. But our communities have no victory until National Grid’s permits are pulled and our communities are off the hook for the company’s rate hike.”

Jen Chantrtanapichate of CNB said, “women of color in particular have put their bodies on the line fighting this pipeline. De Blasio’s statement says nothing about us. By ignoring our voices, the mayor’s statement shows that he’s more interested in placating us than in fighting for us.”

Dani Reda of Mi Casa Resiste said, “today we affirm our commitment to climate self-determination for communities targeted by colonialism. That means Black Liberation, Land Back, and an end to the capitalist settler colonial state. The power in this fight lies with our communities, and our enemies are National Grid, corporate politicians, and the nonprofit industrial complex, including Big Greens, settler ‘socialists’ and eco-fascists.”

Tom Ross of Earth Strike said, “Politicians have done nothing until they take decisive action to block further pipeline construction. Until such action is taken everywhere, National Grid and the rest of the settler capitalist fossil fuel industry will keep destroying Black, Brown, and Indigenous communities worldwide. So until then, the revolutionary struggle, here and elsewhere, marches on.”

Megan Hicks of Indigenous Kinship Collective said, “This fight is far from over. Bill de Blasio may be using his

critique of the North Brooklyn pipeline as an opportunity to gain political clout. Indigenous and black communities remain on the frontline of environmental destruction and we will long after the last pipeline is defeated.”

Members of Frack Outta BK are available for interview upon request.  
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