

To the Climate Change Leadership Institute:

So many thanks for your kind surprise in awarding me the Courage Award. I'm pleased to accept it on behalf of all my colleagues in this fall's pipeline fight, and in the other work we do at 350.org; the prize will help us continue those battles on behalf of a livable climate.

May I say that I hope you'll be heartened in your work to know how many others around the planet are in motion with you! Your brothers and sisters in this fight come from every country, every faith, every class, every race; some in places that have contributed mightily to the cloud of carbon in our atmosphere, and others in places that have contributed not at all. No matter--they're joined in the fight for the future, which is the only fight that really counts.

We will all look forward to working side by side with you in the years ahead!

Bill McKibben
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