

Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

September 29, 2021

Director Christopher Wray
Federal Bureau of Investigation Headquarters
935 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20535-0001

Dear Director Wray,

We request the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) investigate and monitor eco-terrorist and eco-terrorism groups' recent calls to attack American workers and infrastructure in the energy sector. Eco-terrorism is defined as the use or threatened use of violence of a criminal nature against innocent victims or property by an environmentally oriented, subnational group for environmental-political reasons, or aimed at an audience beyond the target, often of a symbolic nature.

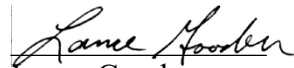
Recently, several media outlets and social media platforms have amplified calls for eco-terrorism against the energy sector. The New York Times and New Yorker hosted eco-Marxist Andreas Malm, the author of "How to Blow-Up a Pipeline," on their podcastⁱ. During this podcast, and in his book, Mr. Malm makes several disturbing statements calling for violence:


- "I think property can be destroyed in all manner of ways, or it can be neutralized in a very gentle fashion as when we defeated the SUVs, or in a more spectacular fashion, as in potentially blowing up a pipeline that's under construction. That's something that people have done."
- "If people in that region were to attack the construction equipment or blow up the pipeline before it's completed, I would be all in favor of that. I don't see how that property damage could be considered morally illegitimate given what we know of the consequence of such projects,"
- "Civil disobedience" ostensibly to save the planet should include mass acts of "intelligent sabotage" and property destruction, such as blowing up pipelines.
- "A call for escalation, a call for the movement to diversify its tactics and move away from an exclusive focus on polite, gentle and perfectly peaceful civil disobedience."

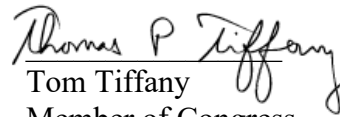
Amplifying Mr. Malm and his calls for eco-terrorism not only risks the lives of the 205,000+ⁱⁱ pipeline construction workers, but it also poses significant danger to our communities and first responders. The Biden Administration claims they are interested in protecting American workers and infrastructure but allowing calls for violence to go unchecked will only hurt American workers, infrastructure, and our environment.


We request the FBI and all federal, state, and local law enforcement partners address challenges posed by eco-terrorists. As Members of Congress, we will be monitoring the FBI's response to these threats and encourage your agency to devote sufficient resources to combatting the rise in eco-terrorism, as well as the media's role in amplifying eco-terrorist messaging.

Sincerely,


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ⁱ <https://www.newyorker.com/podcast/the-new-yorker-radio-hour/should-the-climate-movement-embrace-sabotage>

ⁱⁱ <https://www.ibisworld.com/industry-statistics/employment/oil-gas-pipeline-construction-united-states/>