It has been a historic year for the United States, where each day we continue to see more and more opportunities emerge to advance racial justice than many thought were possible.

To be an effective part of this movement, Corporate Accountability and our members are following the lead of Black-led organizations that have catalyzed moments of public awareness into a powerful movement. In particular, we are proud to endorse the Movement for Black Lives (M4BL) and their three demands: to defund the police; to invest in Black communities; and to call for the resignation of Donald Trump as the president of United States.

And from taking action over Juneteenth weekend to becoming monthly donors to the Movement for Black Lives, you stepped up and showed your wholehearted solidarity, following the lead of M4BL’s anti-racist organizing.

Systemic racism and corporate power are inextricably linked. It’s what allows transnational corporations to reap profits by exploiting workers, polluting the air, and poisoning the water of Black, Indigenous, and Latinx communities. And without dismantling anti-Black racism, we cannot achieve the transformations we need to create the just and liberated world we envision.

The opportunity to press forward and achieve groundbreaking progress on racial equity comes once every few generations. Together, we can dismantle the structures that police, exploit, and oppress Black people to build communities that can truly thrive.
At this critical time, people everywhere are being told to vigilantly wash their hands. But it’s impossible to ignore that some people cannot protect themselves because inhumane shutoff policies penalize those who are struggling or unable to pay their bills. And even as the pandemic worsened, the private water industry has called on Congress to reject federal level action to prevent water shutoffs.

That’s why we organized closely with a coalition of allies to advance policies that would protect people’s access to water during and following the pandemic. And we were backed by members like you, who played a critical role in moving mayors across the country to take action and adopt citywide moratoria on water and electric utility shutoffs.

No one should lose their access to clean water and electricity, especially during a pandemic.”

ALISSA WEINMAN | ASSOCIATE CAMPAIGN DIRECTOR

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With many cities and municipalities in the U.S. implementing moratoria on shutoffs, you are making it possible to help ensure that people have access to electricity, clean water, and other vital utilities during this pandemic and beyond.

Onward,

Patti Lynn
Executive Director
Keeping the pressure on Big Food
You expose the shadowy industry group peddling junk science to sell junk food

“‘We’re going toe-to-toe with the executives responsible for placing profits above public health.’”

JOHN STEWART | DEPUTY CAMPAIGNS DIRECTOR

“Amid a pandemic made worse by diet-related disease that’s hitting Black and Indigenous communities hardest, junk food corporations should be paying for their abuses, not stacking scientific panels and official drafting committees,” says Research Director Ashka Naik, in a New York Times article on the role industry groups like the International Life Sciences Institute (ILSI) play in shaping nutrition and public health policies here in the U.S. and across the world.

Our report and its ensuing media coverage inspired more than 70,000 people and nearly 40 organizations to call on Big Soda and Big Food to cut ties with ILSI. And thanks to your support, we delivered these signatures to the executives of these corporations at their annual shareholders’ meetings in April and May.

Momentum is building: It’s time for corporations to stop funding junk science and peddling it as public health information.

From Coca-Cola and PepsiCo to McDonald’s, the International Life Sciences Institute (ILSI) relies on the support of its corporate Big Food benefactors to shape harmful food and beverage policies globally.
The coronavirus pandemic has exposed deeply broken systems serving unchecked corporate interests rather than people. And nothing has illustrated the menace of rampant corporate power more strongly than the climate crisis.

For decades, the fossil fuel industry has knowingly fueled the climate crisis, funded climate denial, and blocked just climate solutions—all while profiting at the expense of communities of color and frontline communities who are least responsible for the climate crisis.

Right now, we are at a critical juncture. But the great news is that momentum is on our side! This past June, state attorneys general in Minnesota and Washington D.C. launched individual lawsuits against Big Polluters like Exxon Mobil, BP, Shell, and Koch for their decades of deception.

Building on this momentum, we are launching the second phase of our Make Big Polluters Pay campaign alongside our international climate justice allies. We were supported by members like you, who attended our action briefing and committed to moving their mayors to advance Big Polluter liability.

Demanding the liability of Big Polluters will clear the way for addressing climate impacts and the implementation of the real, effective, and people-centered solutions we need to justly address the climate crisis. That’s why we are both determined and thrilled to build global power behind the demand to make Big Polluters pay—and we couldn’t do it without you.

In working with frontline communities who are most impacted by the climate crisis, we are one step closer to justice. Together, we can advance real climate solutions through our demand for liability against Big Polluters.

“From calling out corporate abuse at annual shareholders’ meetings to serving on the board of directors, I am a lifelong supporter of Corporate Accountability. And I’m proud to continue this support because I’ve seen what we can achieve when we work closely together.”

JOHN HARRINGTON | PRESIDENT OF HARRINGTON INVESTMENTS, INC, FORMER BOARD MEMBER

Communities from all around the world have steadily called for liability against Big Polluters like the fossil fuel industry, demanding that they pay for the harm they cause by fueling the climate crisis.

“To create lasting change, we need to disrupt our broken systems and hold Big Polluters responsible for fueling the climate crisis.”

SRIRAM MADHUSOODANAN | U.S. CLIMATE CAMPAIGN DIRECTOR

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