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Washington, July 16 (RHC)-- On Capitol Hill, West Virginia Senator Joe Manchin told Democratic leaders he will not support legislation to combat the climate emergency — or any tax increases on the wealthy and large corporations.

According to reports from the U.S. capital, this is the latest blow by the right-wing Manchin against Joe Biden's legislative agenda and could spell the death knell for a watered-down version of the Build Back Better package in the Senate, where Democrats hold a razor-thin majority.

The youth-led climate justice group the Sunrise Movement called Manchin's decision "nothing short of a death sentence," and climate activist Bill McKibben tweeted in response: "Manchin has taken more money from the fossil fuel industry than anyone else in DC. And the return on that investment has been enormous. Big Oil got its money worth a thousand times over."

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