



# WHAT THEY ARE SAYING ABOUT 100% CLEAN

Leaders from across the U.S. are voicing their support for a 100% Clean Economy

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## Local Public Officials

### **Chris Hansen, Colorado State Representative**

"Coloradans are already seeing the effects of climate change firsthand through wildfires, floods, extreme storms, and droughts. I support the 100% Clean Economy Act because it is a crucial step in putting us on a trajectory to avoid a climate catastrophe."

### **Sara Feigenholtz, Illinois State Representative**

"Now is the time to move toward a 100% Clean Economy Act now. Illinoisans cannot wait any longer. Future generations deserve a planet where they no longer have to worry about climate change. Through simple actions, we can preserve the future of this planet for all and reach a goal of net-zero carbon emissions across our entire economy by 2050. The time to act is now."

### **Josh Mandelbaum, Des Moines, Iowa City Council**

"We should act now to move to a 100% clean economy. It's an opportunity to create a better future while supporting local business that implement energy efficiency, install solar, and are a part of the renewable energy supply chain."

### **Jennifer Konfrst, Iowa State Representative**

"As a state representative, I know that climate change isn't a partisan issue. Folks from both sides of the aisle know how important it is to address this issue, and I hope that legislators at the federal level can realize that and come together to support the new 100% clean bill that was just announced in Congress."

### **Ashley Vanorny, Cedar Rapids, Iowa City Council**

"I stand behind efforts to increase sustainability and clean energy. I work to not just ask you, my citizens for your support in this, but work to role model that myself in my daily actions and in our city's services wherever possible. Clean energy creates jobs. When we move to achieve this goal of 100% clean across the economy, we will create good-paying, long-lasting, sustainable jobs that will carry us into the future. A future that where we can secure the longevity of our environment for future generations to enjoy."

### **Jason Morse, Polk City, Iowa Mayor**

"Flooding caused almost \$2 billion in damages in Iowa this year. Recent studies show that these types of extreme weather events are becoming the new normal. That scares folks in Polk City: Republicans, Democrats, it doesn't matter. Everyone's affected by climate change, and everyone's kids are going to be affected by it, and that's why everyone should be supportive of this new bill to move our economy towards 100% clean."

### **Sam Rasoul, Virginia House of Delegates**

"With the new sense of urgency, it's time to address the climate crisis with an ambitious plan. The 100% Clean Economy Act is part of the minimum that we need to be doing. This plan will dramatically reduce climate pollution, while protecting our health and strengthening our economy."

### **Business Leaders**

#### **Sustainable Food Policy Alliance**

"The Sustainable Food Policy Alliance recognizes the urgent need for climate action in order to achieve the goal of net-zero emissions by 2050, and applauds the efforts of the Members of Congress who have proposed the 100% Clean Economy Act of 2019. Danone North America, Mars, Incorporated, Nestlé USA and Unilever United States are working towards similar goals to significantly reduce our carbon emissions, and we've called for other businesses to take similar action. We know that strong public policy is also essential to creating a level playing field and reducing climate pollution at the pace and scale needed to meet science-based global goals. We look forward to engaging more on this proposal and others."

#### **DTE Energy**

"DTE applauds the goal of this legislation — achieving economy-wide net zero carbon emissions by 2050 — because an economy-wide focus on addressing climate change is the best way to ensure success. We believe climate change is a defining issue of our time. As we at DTE Electric set our sights on achieving net zero carbon emissions by 2050, we know that rapid technological innovation in areas like carbon capture and sequestration, advanced nuclear and storage will play a crucial role in reaching our goal. Just as technological advancements and supportive policies will enable the electric sector to get to net zero emissions, the same is also true for the transportation, industrial, agriculture and forestry sectors. Public policy should support the ability of these other sectors to effectively contribute to achieving net-zero emissions by mid-century. Public and private sector alignment on a mid-century emissions target can play an important role in facilitating the innovations and policies that will help us meet our shared objective."

#### **Tim Kinney, Small Business Owner, Flagstaff, Arizona**

"As an engineer and long-time Arizona business owner, I try to stay on the cutting edge of technology, understanding scientific data and recognizing the current issues impacting my profession are key to my work and civic goals. I believe that one of the most critical issues we face today is dealing with the impacts of drought and changing climate. Thanks to Arizona Representatives Gallego and Kirkpatrick for recognizing the urgency of the situation and co-sponsoring the 100% Clean Economy Act."

### **Frontline Community Leaders**

#### **Rev. Lennox Yearwood Jr., Hip Hop Caucus President & CEO**

"We have an obligation to protect the planet for future generations by preventing runaway climate change while we still can. Frontline communities have already been dealing with these deadly impacts and can't wait any longer for just-solutions from our leaders. We commend Representative McEachin for putting forth a roadmap towards a 100% clean energy future, free of fossil fuels causing this crisis." - Rev. Lennox Yearwood Jr., President & CEO, Hip Hop Caucus

#### **Former State Rep. David Lujan, Director Arizona Center for Economic Progress**

"Climate change is affecting Arizona families, some more disproportionately than others, including children, seniors, low-income workers and minorities. We need to coalesce around a real climate solution that will provide environmental and economic justice to every Arizona family. A significant step forward is legislation to secure a 100% clean economy by 2050. Arizona is the 4th fastest growing state in the nation with significant untapped clean energy resources. There may be no better place to lead the transformation to

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100% clean. Thank you, Representatives Gallego and Kirkpatrick, for co-sponsoring the 100% Clean Economy bill. I hope other members of the Arizona Delegation will join them.”

**Maite Arce, Hispanic Access Foundation President and CEO**

“We are facing a climate crisis and it is crucial that we work together to build a clean energy economy that works for all members of our society, especially communities disproportionately at risk to experience the adverse effects of climate change and carbon pollution. This bill is an ambitious and achievable roadmap that puts our country on a path to a 100% clean energy future. The American people and communities of color have made it clear that our country needs bold solutions to address the climate crisis.”

**Felipe Benitez, Executive Director of Corazón Latino**

“Climate change is a crisis that it’s affecting our families and communities around the globe and we need real solutions. Representative McEachin’s bill is an ambitious yet obtainable way for the United States to achieve a 100% clean energy future. By pursuing a 100% clean economy, our nation’s economic future will improve and create opportunities to improve the health and wellbeing of our communities. Corazón Latino is encouraged and grateful for the more than 110 members of Congress that have co-sponsored the bill, their actions demonstrate true climate leadership and a deep commitment to our futures.”

**Esteban Garces, Poder Latinx, Co-Executive Director**

“Climate change is a crisis and we need a real solution. Representative McEachin’s bill is an ambitious and achievable roadmap that puts our country on a path to a 100% clean future. By setting a goal of 100% clean across all sectors of the economy, we can improve our health and economy. Poder Latinx supports a 100% clean economy because it is a bold target that is consistent with science and will help ensure we prevent the worst impacts of climate change, especially as they impact communities of color.

**Grassroots Leaders**

**Amanda Ormond, Director of Western Grid Group, Flagstaff, Arizona**

“Flagstaff has been a leader on climate action. Federal legislation will help the City and state continue to address this most urgent issue. The 100% Clean Economy Act will help transform our economy by setting achievable goals to increase clean energy development and ensure we are not producing any more climate pollution than we can remove from atmosphere. Flagstaff is lucky to be represented by climate champion Tom O’Halloran in Washington, D.C. I encourage him and the rest of Arizona’s congressional delegation to co-sponsor this ambitious bill and ensure that northern Arizona remains the best place in the country to call home.”

**Lindsay Bourgoine, Protect Our Winters, Director of Policy & Advocacy**

“The 100% Clean Economy Act puts our country on the path to achieve science based targets by 2050, which is absolutely the type of ambitious legislation we need to address our warming winters and protect our nation’s thriving outdoor recreation economy. Protect Our Winters commends the leadership of all original cosponsors of this bill.”

**Glen Dickens, Vice President of the Arizona Wildlife Federation**

“Hunters, anglers, and outdoor enthusiasts are gravely concerned about climate change impacts on our outdoor spaces, fish and wildlife habitats, and the outdoor recreation that drives Arizona’s economy. We need bold action in Washington, D.C. to tackle climate change. We applaud Representative Kirkpatrick for her leadership and for her co-sponsorship of the 100% Clean Economy Act, a powerful tool in the arsenal which addresses climate change, put us on the path to a clean energy future and helps to ensure a prosperous future for our state for generations to come.”

**Preston T. Robertson, President, Florida Wildlife Federation**

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“Florida’s economy is driven in large part by outdoor recreation. That said, climate change is causing demonstrable harm to Florida’s natural habitats, hindering our ability to maintain healthy fish and wildlife populations. The 100% Clean Economy Act would set aggressive greenhouse gas emission reduction goals so that climate impacts on fish, wildlife, and Florida’s economy will be less severe. We thank Congressman Crist, Congressman Hastings, Congresswoman Shalala and Congressman Soto for their support of this important federal legislation.”

### **Health Leaders**

#### **Ellyne Bannon, Registered Nurse, Healthy Air and Water Colorado**

“We know that climate change is hurting the health of Coloradans and people across the country. Without bold, visionary action – like that envisioned by the 100 % Clean Economy Act, our current public health crisis will only grow. Health professionals here in Colorado appreciate the leadership of Representatives Crow, DeGette, Neguse and Perlmutter on this legislation, and we hope the momentum to address climate change continues to build for the sake of people's wellbeing.”

#### **Barbara Webber, Executive Director of Health Action New Mexico**

“Climate change is the most important public health crisis our world, our country and our state have ever faced. A recent report from noted medical scientists states that without immediate intervention, every child being born from now on will have their health negatively and dramatically affected during their lives by the climate emergency, as will generations for centuries to come. We need bold, achievable climate action starting now. Health Action New Mexico thanks Representatives Deb Haaland and Ben Ray Lujan for being original cosponsors of the 100% Clean Economy Act, a critical measure to protect the health of New Mexican families and put us on the path to a 100% Clean Economy by 2050.” - Barbara Webber, Executive Director, Health Action New Mexico

### **Infrastructure Coalitions**

#### **Dr. Brandon Shuler, Executive Director of the American Water Security Project**

“From septic tanks and sewer lines flooded by sea-level rise and torrential rains, to lengthy power outages after storms that take down sewage treatment plants, the consequences of climate change wreak havoc on our nation’s wastewater and stormwater infrastructure. If enacted, the 100% Clean Economy Act will set us on course to significant reductions in greenhouse gas emissions, which will lighten the blows dealt by a warming planet. We thank all the House members that co-sponsored the 100% Clean Economy Act, especially the members from our home state of Florida. Thank you, Congressman Crist, Congressman Hastings, Congresswoman Shalala, and Congressman Soto for your support.”

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