

Tackling the Climate Crisis

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"Americans are living, and dying, in the path of unprecedented flooding, raging wildfires, and battering storms driven by Earth's changing climate. It falls to us to set aside past disagreements and rise together to meet this challenge."

Paul Tonko

CLEAN Future Act

- Bold, innovative draft legislation introduced by the House Committee on Energy & Commerce to put Congress in position to advance comprehensive climate action at the earliest opportunity.
- Sets target for a **100% clean economy** with net-zero GHG emissions **by 2050**.
- Bottom-up approach that empowers public, private and non-profit leaders & visionaries across the U.S. who are ready to bring their climate projects to life.
- Reduces pollution, rebuilds infrastructure, deploys clean energy and innovation, supports
 workforce development, and invests in every community, especially those with a history of
 environmental injustice.

What's in it?

- ✓ **National Climate Bank**: creates National Climate Bank supporting public and private companies in order to transition to a clean economy; spurs investments in low- and zero-emissions energy technologies, climate resiliency, building efficiency and electrification, industrial decarbonization, energy grid modernization, agriculture projects and clean transportation.
- ✓ "Buy Clean" Requirements: similar to popular "Buy American" program, harnesses federal purchasing power to require any construction project receiving federal dollars to only use materials that achieve a minimum GHG standard, which will become more stringent over time.
- ✓ **National Clean Electricity Standard:** requires retail electricity suppliers to provide an increasing supply of clean energy to consumers on a technology-neutral basis, starting in 2022 and rising to 100 percent clean energy by 2050; suppliers may buy or trade clean energy credits to meet their annual requirements.
- ✓ **Building America's Clean Energy Workforce**: delivers technical assistance and funding to support educational institutions, local and state workforce development boards, non-profits, labor organizations and apprenticeship programs in clean energy job training while ensuring the investments included in the bill include strong labor standards.
- ✓ **State Climate Plans:** fosters cooperative partnerships between the federal government and the states to ensure each state achieves the national climate target; directs EPA to develop a menu of policies which states can implement to help achieve the target; empowers the federal government to take action to ensure emissions reductions in states that fail to implement an approved plan.
- ✓ **Major Investments in Proven Programs**: mobilizes significant funding through the next decade to reduce pollution and create jobs; programs include weatherization, low-income solar deployment, drinking water infrastructure, brownfields redevelopment grants, and many more.