



Good Energy Jobs Act

119th Congress

House Sponsors: Paul D. Tonko (NY-20) and Nikki Budzinski (IL-13)

Senate Sponsor: Martin Heinrich (NM)

What They're Saying About the Good Energy Jobs Act

"Too often Washington fails to consider workers when making decisions on how federal dollars are spent. Fortunately, the Good Energy Jobs Act makes clear that the money Congress spends is accountable to the taxpayers. This legislation builds on the legacy begun under the Investing in America agenda by requiring Department of Energy investments to include real enforceable labor standards, like Project Labor Agreements, prevailing wage, and neutrality. These standards ensure that workers who are building our nation's energy infrastructure can support their families and communities. On behalf of IBEW's over 900,000 members, I thank Senator Heinrich and Reps. Budzinski and Tonko for standing with working families and introducing the Good Energy Jobs Act."

❖ **Kenneth W. Cooper, IBEW International President**

"The Good Energy Jobs Act provides crucial support to create a skilled workforce and an engaged community. Community support and workforce development are fundamental to a high-quality and efficient build out of our grid. This bill is exactly the kind of legislation our nation needs to get more energy projects done while demand is at an all-time high."

❖ **BlueGreen Alliance Executive Director Jason Walsh.**

"As a nation, we should ensure that whenever possible, our tax dollars go toward creating good-paying, family supporting jobs, especially the billions of dollars in taxpayer support the Department of Energy provides companies across the country. Our union proudly supports the Good Energy Jobs Act, which builds on existing labor standards and community benefit agreements to improve the lives and communities of the workers who power America."

❖ **Roxanne Brown, President of the United Steelworkers**

"We see consistently in our polling that voters don't just want clean energy development — they want clean energy development that will actually benefit their communities. Wage standards, community benefits, and the right to unionize are all popular requirements that build local buy-in while helping address the cost-of-living crisis facing Americans right now."

❖ **Ryan O'Donnell, Executive Director of Data for Progress.**

"The transition to clean energy offers an opportunity to strengthen our communities, build a domestic manufacturing supply chain, and create good union jobs supporting families across the United States. But we cannot reach this goal if green energy manufacturing depends on foreign production or if workers face union-busting and poor job conditions. We appreciate Senator Heinrich and Representatives Tonko and Budzinski for taking a positive step with their 'Good Energy Jobs Act of 2026' which ensures clean-energy investments lead to good union jobs, stronger local communities, and true Made-in-America green energy."

❖ **Carl Kennebrew, President of IUE-CWA**

"LIUNA is proud to support the Good Energy Jobs Act of 2026. By building on the proven labor standards established under the Inflation Reduction Act, this legislation will help ensure federal energy investments create good, family-sustaining union careers. Project Labor Agreements, registered apprenticeships, and prevailing wages strengthen our workforce, our industry, and the communities where these projects are built. We thank Senator Heinrich for his leadership and steadfast commitment to America's working families."

❖ **Brent Booker, General President of Laborers' International Union of North America**

"The Good Energy Jobs Act would require that federal clean energy spending creates meaningful protections for workers and tangible benefits for communities. We need to quickly return to building our clean energy future for people and wildlife, and we need to make sure these investments benefit the people who are building the projects and those who are living with them."

❖ **Shannon Heyck-Williams, associate vice president of climate and energy, National Wildlife Federation.**

"LCV is proud to support Rep. Tonko, Rep. Budzinski, and Sen. Heinrich's Good Energy Jobs Act because federal investments into clean, affordable energy infrastructure should provide high-quality jobs and meaningful benefits to communities hosting these projects. This bill ensures that public dollars go towards building good, family-supporting jobs and strengthening domestic manufacturing. Thank you, Rep. Tonko, Rep. Budzinski, and Sen. Heinrich for introducing legislation that ensures clean, affordable energy keeps delivering myriad benefits to communities, including reducing emissions and costs for ratepayers, creating jobs, strengthening domestic manufacturing, and driving investments across the country."

❖ **Matthew Davis, Vice President of Federal Policy of LCV**

"At a time where our nation is experiencing unprecedented energy demand, the Good Energy Jobs Act is a huge step in the right direction towards ensuring that the working men and women who build our communities are protected and supported by the federal government. The proposals in this legislation will aid in constructing projects in a timely and safe manner all while benefitting local communities."

❖ **Sean McGarvey, President of North America's Building Trades Unions**

“We are in a moment where diversifying our economy to build energy sources beyond fossil fuels is critical to our security, competitiveness, and fiscal stability. By attaching labor and community standards to public dollars, the Good Energy Jobs Act ensures that new clean energy projects will be built faster, better, and with strong and tangible benefits for the places in which they are sited. That's not just good for these projects today; it's good for Americans long into the future.”

❖ **Kate Gordon, CEO of California Forward**

The Good Energy Jobs Act of 2026 is endorsed by **BlueGreen Alliance, Communications Workers of America; International Association of Sheet Metal, Air, Rail and Transportation Workers (SMART); International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers; International Brotherhood of Teamsters; Iron Workers International; Laborers' International Union of North America; League of Conservation Voters; National Wildlife Federation; ReImagine Appalachia; Sierra Club; and United Steelworkers.**