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**2016 PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES ON RENEWABLE ENERGY**

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## DONALD TRUMP (R)

**Trump: American Energy Policy Is “Putting A Lot Of People Out Of Work,” And They “Are A Disaster.”** During the first presidential debate in September 2016, Trump said, “We invested in a solar company, our country. That was a disaster. They lost plenty of money on that one. Now, look, I'm a great believer in all forms of energy, but we're putting a lot of people out of work. Our energy policies are a disaster. Our country is losing so much in terms of energy, in terms of paying off our debt.” [[Washington Post, 9/26/16](#)]

**Trump Called For “Opening Federal Lands For Oil And Gas Production,” And “Opening Offshore Areas” For Drilling, Too.** During a September 2016 speech at the 2016 Shale Insight Conference, Trump said that his “America first” energy approach meant “opening federal lands for oil and gas production, opening offshore areas, and revoking policies that are imposing unnecessary restrictions on innovative new exploration technologies.” [Donald Trump Speeches & Events YouTube, [9/22/16](#) (30:00)]

**Trump Supported Tapping Into “Oil Reserves, And Natural Gas On Federal Lands,” Adding, “I’m Going To Lift The Restrictions On American Energy.”** During a September 2016 speech at the 2016 Shale Insight Conference, Trump said, “America is sitting on a treasure trove of untapped energy – some \$50 trillion in shale energy, oil reserves, and natural gas on federal lands, in addition to hundreds of years of coal energy reserves. It’s all upside for this country – more jobs, more revenues, more wealth, higher wages, and lower energy prices. I’m going to lift the restrictions on American energy, and allow this wealth to pour into our communities.” [Donald Trump Speeches & Events YouTube, [9/22/16](#)]

**Trump: My Energy Plan – Powered By “Beautiful, Clean Coal” – Will “Make Your Energy Bill Much Less Expensive ... Hillary Clinton’s Anti-Energy Agenda Is A Massive Tax On The Poor.”** During an August 2016 campaign speech in Fredericksburg, Virginia, Trump said, “According to the Energy Information Administration, the United States has the largest recoverable coal resources in the world. We’re talking clean coal – beautiful, clean coal ... Over 90 percent of U.S. coal is used for electricity. In other words, my plan will make your energy bill much less expensive – much, much cheaper. Hillary Clinton’s anti-energy agenda is a massive tax on the poor.” [American Bridge, 160820\_CJS\_429\_A (15:00), 8/20/16 (video available from American Bridge)]

**Trump: Virginia “Will Be Crushed” By Obama Administration’s And Hillary Clinton’s Energy Policies; “Hillary Clinton Will Finish The Mining Industry Off For Good. There Will No Longer Be An Industry.”** During an August 2016 campaign speech in Fredericksburg, Virginia, Trump said, “In January 2016, the Obama administration announced a moratorium on new coal leases on federal lands. This comes on the heel of many other anti-coal regulations from the Obama administration. Virginia – the largest exporter of coal in the United States – will be crushed by these Obama-Clinton policies ... Virginia has seen a stunning 70 percent decline in coal jobs since 1990. Hillary Clinton will finish the mining industry off for good. There will no longer be an industry.” [American Bridge, 160820\_CJS\_429\_A (15:00), 8/20/16 (video available from American Bridge)]

**Trump Reaffirmed Support For Keystone XL Pipeline, Pledging To Re-Apply For A Permit.** In August 2016, CTV news reported that Trump would “end American participation in the global climate treaty, scrap the current president's climate-change regulations and, according to a campaign document he released Monday, invite TransCanada Corp. to re-apply for a permit for the Keystone XL pipeline.” [CTV News, [8/9/16](#)]

**Trump Would “Unleash An Energy Revolution” By “Lifting The Restrictions On All Sources Of American Energy.”** During an August 2016 economic policy speech, Trump said, “A Trump Administration will end this war on the American worker, and unleash an energy revolution that will bring vast new wealth to our country. According to the Institute for Energy Research, lifting the restrictions on all sources of American energy will: Increase GDP by more than \$100 billion dollars annually, add over 500,000 new jobs annually, and increase annual wages by more than \$30 billion dollars over the next 7 years; Increase federal, state, and local tax revenues by almost \$6 trillion dollars over 4 decades; Increase total economic activity by more than \$20 trillion dollars over the next 40 years. The reforms I have outlined today are only the beginning. When we reform our tax, trade, energy and regulatory policies, we will open a new chapter in American Prosperity. We can use this new wealth to rebuild our military and our infrastructure.” [NPR, [8/8/16](#)]

**Trump Blamed Pres. Obama & Sec. Clinton For “Going After Oil And Natural Gas Production.”** During an August 2016 economic policy speech, Trump said, “Hillary Clinton says her plan will “put a lot of coal companies and coal miners out of business.” We will put our coal miners and steel workers back to work. Clinton not only embraces President Obama’s job-killing energy restrictions but wants to expand them, including going after oil and natural gas production that employs some 10 million Americans. According to the Heritage Foundation, by 2030, the Obama-Clinton energy restrictions will eliminate another half a million manufacturing jobs, reduce economic output by \$2.5 trillion dollars, and reduce incomes by \$7,000 dollars per person.” [NPR, [8/8/16](#)]

**Trump: “We Are Going To Lift The Restrictions On The Production Of American Energy.”** In a July 2016 speech at the RNC convention Trump said, “We are going to lift the restrictions on the production of American energy. This will produce more than \$20 trillion in job-creating economic activity over the next four decades. My opponent, on the other hand, wants to put the great miners and steelworkers of our country out of work and out of business. That will never happen with Donald J trump as president. Our steelworkers and are miners are going back to work again.” [Vox, [7/22/16](#)]

**Trump: Hillary Clinton Wants To “Shut Down The Mines ... I Want To Do Exactly The Opposite.”** During a June 2016 speech in Monessen, Pennsylvania, Trump said, “Hillary Clinton wants to shut down energy production and shut down the mines, and she wants to shut down – she said it just recently – she wants to shut down the miners. I want to do exactly the opposite.” [American Bridge, 160628\_MD\_593\_A (31:55), 6/28/16 (video available from American Bridge)]

**Trump: Wind Projects Are Killing “More Than 1 Million Birds A Year.”** In a May 2016 speech to the North Dakota Petroleum Council, Trump said, “The administration fast-tracked wind projects that kill more than 1 million birds a year.” [Donald Trump speech, [5/26/16](#)]

**Trump Wants To Re-Allow Drilling On Federal Lands.** In a May 2016 speech to the North Dakota Petroleum Council, Trump said that in his first 100 days in office, he would “lift moratoriums on energy production in federal areas. We’re going to revoke policies that impose unwarranted restrictions on new drilling technologies.” [Donald Trump Press Release, [5/26/16](#)]

**Trump Would Revitalize Coal.** In a May 2016 speech to the North Dakota Petroleum Council, Trump said that in his first 100 days in office, he would “save the coal industry and other industries threatened by Hillary Clinton’s extremist agenda.” [Donald Trump Press Release, [5/26/16](#)]

**Trump Claimed To Know A Lot About Solar And Mentioned It Was Expensive, Despite The Fact That Solar Prices Have Been Dropping Dramatically.** According to Vox, “In his press conference with reporters before the speech, Trump elaborated: ‘I know a lot about solar,’ he said, ‘the problem with solar is it’s very expensive.’ He made no mention of the fact that solar prices have been dropping precipitously.” [Vox, [5/26/16](#)]

**Trump Wanted To Bring Coal Jobs Back To Appalachia, But Did Not Have A Plan For How He Would Do So; “To Pull It Off, He Will Have To Overcome Market Forces And A Push For Cleaner Fuels That Have Plummeted Coal.”** According to [The Washington Post](#), “Donald Trump says he would bring back lost coal-mining jobs, and he is positioning for the November election in big coal states by portraying Hillary Clinton as a job killer. Trump, however, has yet to explain exactly how he will revitalize Appalachia’s coal industry. To pull it off, he will have to overcome market forces and a push for cleaner fuels that have pummeled coal. Coal’s slump is largely the result of cheap natural gas, which now rivals coal as a fuel for generating electricity. Older coal-fired plants are being idled to meet clean-air standards.” [[The Washington Post](#), 5/5/16]

**Donald Trump Affirmed His Support For The Renewable Fuel Standard After Touring The POET Biorefining Plant In Gowrie, Iowa.** “Before attending the rally in Fort Dodge, Trump stopped at the POET Biorefining plant in Gowrie to tour the plant and discuss the renewable fuel standard with plant leadership and the co-chairs of America’s Renewable Energy. ... That meeting was closed to the public, but afterward, Trump took two questions from a group of about 35 people who had been invited to a closed event. There, Trump affirmed his support of the renewable fuel standard. ‘I just want to tell you, you have my support,’ he said. ‘I’m with you.’” [Des Moines Register, 12/13/15]

**Trump Was “Fine” With The Production Tax Credit For Wind Energy, Adding That Wind Is “Very Expensive,” And Will Need Subsidies.** During a November 2015 campaign stop in Newton, Iowa, Trump was asked for his stance on the wind energy tax credit. He responded, “I’m fine with it. Any form of energy – we’ve got to get away from the Middle East. I will say, wind is a problem because it’s very expensive to build the towers – very, very expensive. As you know, when you have \$40 oil, it’s not economic, so they’re going to have to do a subsidy, otherwise wind isn’t going to work. Wind is a very expensive form of energy, and it’s got problems of storage, and lots of other things. But, I want to see whatever you can do – ethanol, I’m totally in favor ... Wind will need subsidies. It’s going to have to have subsidies.” [American Bridge, 151119\_DMT\_459\_A (43:00), 11/19/15 (video available from American Bridge)]

- **HEADLINE: “Donald Trump Hated Wind Farms — Until An Iowa Voter Asked.”** [Washington Post, 11/19/15]

**Trump, On Wind Energy: “Windmills Look Nice, But They Kill A Lot Of Birds. Did You Know That?”** During a November 2015 campaign stop in New Hampshire, Donald Trump took questions from the audience, including one from “twelve-year-old Annabelle Watson, a homeschooled student accompanied by her mother, who asked Trump about the benefits of fracking versus using wind energy. ‘Well, the windmills look nice,’ Trump told her. ‘But they kill a lot of birds. Did you know that?’” [[National Review](#), 11/4/15]

**Donald Trump Supported The Keystone Pipeline And Lifting The Ban On Crude-Oil Exports.** “All of the GOP candidates for president support the Keystone pipeline and many, including retired neurosurgeon Ben Carson, businessman Donald Trump and New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, support lifting the ban on crude-oil exports to foreign markets.” [Wall Street Journal, 9/29/15]

**Trump: “If I Am Elected President I Will Immediately Approve The Keystone XL Pipeline. No Impact On Environment & Lots Of Jobs For U.S.”** [realDonaldTrump, Twitter, 8/18/15]

**Trump Called For Building The Keystone Pipeline Even Though “We Don’t Even Need It.”** “Trump also discussed energy policy, where he said, ‘The Keystone Pipeline should be approved immediately. Not that I want it, because we’re bringing in oil from Canada, but you know what, it’s a lot easier than Saudi Arabia and some of these other places, and Canada’s been a great neighbor, et cetera, et cetera. But they should approve it. Number one, it’s jobs. Immediately, you’re building it, it’s jobs, it’s good. It’s not going to hurt anything in terms of environmentally. It’s hard to believe that that has not been approved. But get it approved. More oil coming in, the more we can have where we don’t have to go to foreign places, really foreign places to get the oil. So, there’s a simple one. it’s going to create jobs. It’s overall good.’”

But we don't even need it, in one sense, because we have so much under our own land we can do it, but we have to get rid of some of the restrictions.'" [Breitbart, 8/12/15; Hannity, Fox, 8/12/15]

**Trump Called Windmills "Industrial Monstrosities."** According to Never Enough: Donald Trump And The Pursuit Of Success, "Trump said that Salmond had assured him the windmills would not be built. He insisted that he was fighting not just for himself, but for the country, because windmills were a bad technology. 'We have to save Scotland,' he declared. 'You cannot allow these industrial monstrosities.'" [Never Enough: Donald Trump And The Pursuit Of Success, 1/1/2015]

**Trump On Wind Turbines: "A Lot People Say They Cause Sickness."** Trump "These are industrial turbines. They make noise. They create shadows. It's called the flickering effect. And for miles around, the sun comes through and you have shadows, every second a different shadow. A lot of people say they cause sickness because of what happens and probably because of the anguish." ["Real Sports with Bryant Gumble," HBO, 8/20/13; 130820\_JEG\_704]

**Trump Urged Scottish Parliament To Cancel Proposal For Offshore Wind Farm Because They The Turbines Would Spoil The View At His Golf Resort; "They Are Ugly, They Are Noisy ... If Scotland Does This, Scotland Will Be In Serious Trouble."** In April 2012, Trump urged Scotland's parliament to "end plans for an offshore wind farm he fears will spoil the view at his exclusive new \$750-million-pound (\$1.2-billion) golf resort ... 'Scotland, if you pursue this policy of these monstrous turbines, Scotland will go broke,' he said. 'They are ugly, they are noisy and they are dangerous. If Scotland does this, Scotland will be in serious trouble and will lose tourism to places like Ireland, and they are laughing at us.' ... When challenged to produce hard evidence about his claims on the negative impact of turbines, Trump said: 'I am the evidence, I am a world class expert in tourism.'" In September 2012, Trump tweeted, "English taxpayers should stop subsidizing the destruction of Scotland by paying massive subsidies for ugly wind turbines." [Associated Press, [4/26/12](#); Donald Trump Twitter, [9/26/12](#)]

**Trump, 2012: "Wind Farms Are Hurting The Country."** According to On The Record on Fox News, "Trump: Right now, green energy is way behind the times. You look at the windmills that are destroying shorelines all over the world. Economically, they're not good. It's a very, very poor form of energy. Solar, as you know, hasn't caught on because, I mean, a solar panel takes 32 years -- it's a 32-year payback. Who wants a 32-year payback? The fact is, the technology is not there yet. Wind farms are hurting the country." [Fox News - On The Record, [3/16/12](#)]

**Trump Criticized Environmental Restrictions That Prevented The U.S. From Tapping Its Coal And Natural Gas Resources.** TRUMP: "First of all, they're also going very heavy into coal. If you look at what China is doing, they're going heavy into coal whereas the environmental restrictions make it almost impossible for us to do the coal thing anymore. We are a tremendous source of coal. We are called the Saudi Arabia of coal, but it's Saudi Arabia times 100. So, you know, we don't use our natural resources. Whether it is clean or not, the fact is clean coal is coming along and it is a great source of energy. So many other things we're not using, natural-gas, to the extent that we should be. You know, if you look at certain countries in the Mideast, they are getting rid of their gas. They're selling us oil because they don't want to use it because we're paying a lot and they're using natural gas. And we have a tremendous natural gas reserves. So there are so many things, Eric, that we are not doing, and it is inconceivable that they are not started." [Follow The Money, Fox Business, 6/28/11]

**Trump Opposed Restrictions On Drilling For Oil.** KILMEADE: "Donald, do you have an opinion on the fracking and the natural gas, who you be going at? Do you have an opinion on drilling here at home?" TRUMP: "Well, I think we should just drill. I mean this is crazy. They can't drill in the Gulf. They can't drill in Alaska. They can't drill anywhere and in the meantime, we're being held hostage by all of these foreign nations that are ripping us. So I think we should just open it up. I understand the environmental, I understand it probably better than any. I've received many, many environmental awards. But they are holding this country to a level that is impossible for us to do anything and if we're going to get back

on track, we have to get oil down to \$45, \$50 or \$60 a barrel. And right now, it looks like it's going up to \$150. So we can never come back if oil is at these levels." [Fox & Friends, Fox News, 4/25/11]

**Trump Said He Would "Absolutely" Drill On ANWR.** HANNITY: "You would drill on ANWR, you drill in the 48 states." TRUMP: "Absolutely." [Hannity, Fox News, 4/14/11]

## HILLARY CLINTON (D)

**Sec. Clinton: U.S. Can Become "Clean Energy Superpower Of The 21<sup>st</sup> Century" By Deploying 500 Million Solar Panels And Having "Enough Clean Energy To Power Every Home."** During the first presidential debate in September 2016, Sec. Clinton said, "Take clean energy. Some country is going to be the clean- energy superpower of the 21st century ... Here's what we can do. We can deploy a half a billion more solar panels. We can have enough clean energy to power every home. We can build a new modern electric grid. That's a lot of jobs; that's a lot of new economic activity." [[Washington Post](#), [9/26/16](#)]

**Sec. Clinton: Someone Will "Be The Clean Energy Super Power Of The 21<sup>st</sup> Century And Create Millions Of Jobs And Businesses ... I Want It To Be Us."** During an August 2016 economic policy speech in Warren, Michigan, Sec. Clinton said, "Let's build a cleaner, more resilient power grid with enough renewable energy to power every home in our country as well. Some country is going to be the clean energy super power of the 21st century and create millions of jobs and businesses. It's probably going to be either China, Germany, or America. I want it to be us. We invent the technology, we should make it, and use it, and export it, which will help to grow our economy." [CSPAN, [8/11/16](#)]

**Sec. Clinton: "We Can Save Our Planet While Creating Millions Of Good-Paying Jobs."** During her July 2016 speech accepting the Democratic nomination for President of the United States, Sec. Clinton said, "I believe in science. I believe that climate change is real and that we can save our planet while creating millions of good-paying clean energy jobs." [[Los Angeles Times](#), [7/28/16](#)]

**In Her First 100 Days, Sec. Clinton Will Make Historic Investment In "New, Good-Paying Jobs" In Many Sectors, Including Clean Energy.** During her July 2016 speech accepting the Democratic nomination for President of the United States, Sec. Clinton said, "In my first 100 days, we will work with both parties to pass the biggest investment in new, good-paying jobs since World War II. Jobs in manufacturing, clean energy, technology and innovation, small business, and infrastructure." [[Los Angeles Times](#), [7/28/16](#)]

**Sec. Clinton: Trump Has "No Credible Plan" To Rebuild Infrastructure; "I'd Rather Spend Our Money On ... Modernizing Our Energy Grid."** In a June 2016 speech in Columbus, Ohio, Sec. Clinton said of Donald Trump, "He has no credible plan for rebuilding our infrastructure, apart from the wall that he wants to build. Personally I'd rather spend our money on rebuilding our schools or modernizing our energy grid." [Hillary Clinton, [6/21/16](#)]

**Sec. Clinton Unveiled Plans For Parks, Lands And Water, Including Renewable Energy Production On Federal Lands And Creating New Parks And Monuments.** According to an article in E&E News, "A Hillary Clinton administration would increase tenfold renewable energy production from federal lands and waters; replace and expand the Land and Water Conservation Fund to address dilapidated infrastructure in national parks; and open up millions more acres for hunting, fishing and recreation. The front-runner for the Democratic nomination for president made those promises and more in a sweeping policy platform she unveiled today. Clinton's plan for conserving parks, lands and water also calls for increased federal investments in water conservation; reforming wildfire budgeting; providing incentives for farmers and ranchers to conserve habitat for at-risk wildlife; and ensuring new parks and monuments celebrate women,

communities of color, and lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender Americans.” [E&E News, [6/1/16](#)]

**Sec. Clinton: I Want The U.S. To Be The “Clean Energy Superpower” Of The 21<sup>st</sup> Century.** During an April 2016 MSNBC town hall, Sec. Clinton said, “We are ... going to look at how we use clean renewable energy to create more jobs because we have to deal with that. And somebody is going to be the 21st century clean energy superpower. It's either going to be China, Germany or us. I want it to be us because there will be a lot of jobs, again, that have to be done right here in America.” [MSNBC, [4/25/16](#)]

**Sec. Clinton: Due To “Extraordinary Threats” Posed By Climate Change, My Record Is One Of Trying To End Oil Subsidies, Because We Need To Transition From Fossil Fuels To Clean Energy.** During an April 14, 2016 Democratic primary debate in Brooklyn, NY, Sec. Clinton said, “We need to talk about this issue and we should talk about it in terms of the extraordinary threats that climate change pose to our country and our world. And that's why for the last many years, both in the Senate and as secretary of State, it's been a big part of my commitment to see what could be done. But there has never been any doubt that when I was a senator, I tried -- I joined with others to try to get rid of the subsidies for big oil. And I have proposed that again, because that's what I think needs to be done as we transition from fossil fuels to clean energy.” [Washington Post, [4/14/16](#)]

**Sec. Clinton: For “Economic And Environmental And Strategic Reasons,” U.S. Helped Countries That Were “Heavily Dependent On Coal And Oil” Use Natural Gas As A Bridge To Clean Energy; “We Want To Cross The Bridge As Quickly As Possible.”** During an April 14, 2016 Democratic primary debate in Brooklyn, NY, Sec. Clinton said, “I don't think I've changed my view on what we need to do to go from where we are, where the world is heavily dependent on coal and oil, but principally coal, to where we need to be, which is clean renewable energy, and one of the bridge fuels is natural gas. And so for both economic and environmental and strategic reasons, it was American policy to try to help countries get out from under the constant use of coal, building coal plants all the time, also to get out from under, especially if they were in Europe, the pressure from Russia, which has been incredibly intense. So we did say natural gas is a bridge. We want to cross that bridge as quickly as possible, because in order to deal with climate change, we have got to move as rapidly as we can. That's why I've set big goals. I want to see us deploy a half a billion more solar panels by the end of my first term and enough clean energy to provide electricity to every home in America within 10 years. So I have big, bold goals, but I know in order to get from where we are, where the world is still burning way too much coal, where the world is still too intimidated by countries and providers like Russia, we have got to make a very firm but decisive move in the direction of clean energy.” [Washington Post, [4/14/16](#)]

**Sec. Clinton Applauded The Obama Administration For Reversing Its Decision To Permit Drilling Off The Southeastern Atlantic Coast, Adding, “Time To Do The Next Right Thing And Protect The Arctic, Too.”** On March 14, 2016, the New York Times reported that the Obama administration was “expected to withdraw its plan to permit oil and gas drilling off the southeast Atlantic coast ... In January 2015, Mr. Obama drew the wrath of environmentalists and high praise from the oil industry and Southeastern governors after the Interior Department put forth a proposal that would have opened much of the southeastern Atlantic coast to offshore drilling for the first time. The proposal came after governors, state legislators and senators from Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia all expressed support for the drilling. Lawmakers in the state capitals saw new drilling as creating jobs and bolstering state revenue.” Reacting to the news, Sec. Clinton tweeted, “Relieved Atlantic drilling is now off the table. Time to do the next right thing and protect the Arctic, too.” [ @HillaryClinton Twitter, [3/15/16](#); New York Times, [3/14/16](#)]

**Sec. Clinton: “We Are Going To Move From Fossil Fuels To Clean Energy ... In A Quick, But Thoughtful Way”; Banning Extraction On Public Lands Is A “Done Deal.”** On February 4, 2016, Sec. Clinton had the following exchange with an audience member at a campaign event:

**AUDIENCE MEMBER:** With so much of the environmental community opposing fracking, how do you expect to win over young people’s vote if you still support fracking?

**SEC. CLINTON:** I have said repeatedly that we are going to move from fossil fuels to clean energy. We're going to have to do it in a quick, but thoughtful way ... What the government does have the authority to do is to impose very strict regulations on the chemicals being used; closing the Halliburton loophole; on the methane release. There's a lot we can do...

**AUDIENCE MEMBER:** But that doesn't stop the CO2 from going into the atmosphere when we burn it.

**SEC. CLINTON:** We will get there, but I don't want to mislead you and say I can ban it...

**AUDIENCE MEMBER:** Perhaps banning extraction on public lands?

**SEC. CLINTON:** Yeah, that's a done deal.

[350 Action YouTube Channel, [2/4/16](#)]

**Sec. Clinton: I Want 500 Million Solar Panels, As Well As Enough Clean Energy To Power Every Home, In The Next Four Years.** During the February 4, 2016 Democratic primary debate, Sec. Clinton said, "I think we've talked a lot tonight about what we're against ... I'm for a lot of things. I don't want to just stop bad things from happening, I want to start good things happening. I believe if I'm so fortunate to get the nomination I will begin to work immediately on putting together an agenda and begin to talk with members of congress and others about how we can push forward. I want to have half a billion more solar panels deployed in the first four years. I want to have enough clean energy to power every home in the next four years." [[Washington Post, 2/4/16](#)]

**Sec. Clinton, On Big Oil: "I Want To Take Away All Their Subsidies."** On February 3, 2016, CNN reporter Dan Merica tweeted, "HRC asked about taking oil money: 'They must have put it in the wrong envelope. I want to take away all their subsidies.'" [[@DanMericaCNN Twitter, 2/3/16](#)]

**Sec. Clinton: Repairing "Faulty Water Control Infrastructure" Can Help "Deliver Affordable Reliable Electricity While Reducing Carbon Pollution."** On November 30, 2015, Sec. Clinton unveiled her infrastructure plan. The plan, in part, read, "Ten years ago, Hurricane Katrina demonstrated the stark dangers posed by faulty water control infrastructure. And these public safety concerns are only intensified by the increasing threat of severe weather due to climate change. We need to substantially increase funding to inspect these structures, bring them into good repair, and remove them where appropriate. Our existing dams can also be a significant source of new clean energy generation, and Clinton will support efforts to increase dams' capacity to deliver affordable and reliable electricity while reducing carbon pollution." [[Hillary Clinton Campaign Website, 11/30/15](#)]

**Sec. Clinton: A Clean Energy Future Means "Helping To Bring Solar And Energy Efficiency Technologies To More Low-Income Communities."** On November 9, 2015, Sec. Clinton received an endorsement from the League of Conservation Voters. During her remarks, she said, "I want to make sure every American shares in the benefits of a clean energy future. That means helping to bring solar and energy efficiency technologies to more low-income communities. I think this is something we don't talk about enough ... An African-American child is still 500 percent more likely to die of asthma than a white child, because they often live near power plants and other polluters, and they, unfortunately, often bear the consequences." [[PSB Satellite YouTube Channel, 11/9/15](#)]

**Sec. Clinton: Transitioning From Fossil Fuels To A Clean Energy Economy Can Create "Millions Of Good New Jobs And Businesses," And Help Curb The Effects Of Climate Change.** On November 5, 2015, Sec. Clinton appeared on ABC's Jimmy Kimmel Live. During the interview, she had the following exchange with the show's host, Jimmy Kimmel:

**KIMMEL:** I find it interesting that the vast majority of the [Republican] candidates, and people who are Republicans, believe that man-made climate change is a myth, or some sort of conspiracy designed to hurt our economy. Do you think that most people genuinely believe that, or are they towing the party line?

**SEC. CLINTON:** "I think it's both, Jimmy. I think some people do believe it. When you hear them say, as they

often, do, “I’m not a scientist,” my response that that is, “Go talk to one, and maybe you could get some information that would enlighten you or educate you about the problems that climate change is confronting us with,” because it IS an existential crisis. I think some [candidates] are doing it because they have strong supporters, people who are maybe from the fossil fuel industry, for example, and they don’t want to cross them. So, they adopt that position, and whether they really believe it, or it’s just political opportunism, I can’t tell. But, the fact is, it’s hurting our country, and what I don’t understand is, there are huge economic opportunities here. If we were the clean energy superpower of the 21<sup>st</sup> century, we would create millions of new good jobs and businesses, and we would transition away from fossil fuels, and help the climate at the same time.

[ABC, [11/5/15](#)]

**Sec. Clinton: My Energy Plan Invests In Clean Energy, R&D, And Will Create Jobs And Grow The Economy.** During the October 13, 2015 Democratic primary debate, Sec. Clinton said, “I traveled across our country over the last months listening and learning, and I’ve put forward specific plans about how we’re going to create more good paying jobs by investing in infrastructure and clean energy, by making it possible once again to invest in science and research and taking the opportunity posed by climate change to grow our economy.” [CNN Debate, [10/13/15](#)]

**Sec. Clinton: “Modernizing North American Energy Infrastructure” Meant Ensuring That The Federal Government Did Its Part To Make Clean And Affordable Energy “More Efficient And Effective.”** In September 2015, Sec. Clinton released an energy plan for “modernizing North American energy infrastructure.” One of the plan’s pillars aimed to “unlock new investment sources.” Specifically, Sec. Clinton would “ensure the federal government is a partner in getting clean and affordable energy to market by making the infrastructure review and permitting process more efficient and effective.” [Hillary Clinton, [9/23/15](#)]

**Sec. Clinton: “Modernizing North American Energy Infrastructure” Meant Focusing On “Coordinated Targets For Clean Energy And Cutting Carbon Pollution.”** In September 2015, Sec. Clinton released an energy plan for “modernizing North American energy infrastructure.” One of the plan’s pillars aimed to “forge a North American climate compact.” Specifically, Sec. Clinton would “drive greater ambition in the global fight against climate change through coordinated targets for clean energy and cutting carbon pollution, internationally recognized reporting mechanisms, and a binding review process.” [Hillary Clinton, [9/23/15](#)]

**Sec. Clinton In 2015: “We Need To Continue The Production Tax Credits, We Need To Be Investing In ... Wind.”** During a July 2015 campaign stop in Iowa, Sec. Clinton said, “Iowa is making a transition but the rest of the country is not. And we need to change the tax incentives, we need to continue the production tax credits, we need to be investing in solar and wind and advanced biofuels, and yes, energy efficiency and there are millions of jobs if we do that right.” [KTVO, [7/7/15](#)]

**Sec. Clinton In 2007: “I Will Make The Production Tax Credit For Wind ... Permanent.”** In a November 2007 speech on energy and climate change in Iowa, Sec. Clinton said, “I will strongly support a renewable portfolio standard, with 25% of electricity coming from wind, solar, and other renewable sources by 2025. ... As President, to help us reach 25% by 2025, I will make the production tax credit for wind and solar permanent. No more guessing what you're going to get as you move forward with your production.” [Council on Foreign Relations, [11/5/07](#)]