

This Week in Climate (In)Action

Check out the League of Conservation Voters' 2016 primers to stay up to date on what all of the presidential candidates are saying about [climate change](#), the [Clean Power Plan](#), and [renewable energy](#) – and be sure to follow LCV on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

Quote of the week:

“I don’t support the Clean Power Plan, which is the EPA’s effort to go way beyond what I think the Clean Air Act allows it to do to regulate carbon.” – *Jeb Bush in Indianola, IA, [10/8/15](#)*

Speed Read: [Marco Rubio Is \(Now\) the Most Dangerous GOP Candidate on Climate](#) – The New Republic

A Roundup of This Week’s Most Important Stories:

Rubio Doubles Down on Extreme Climate Position

The Florida Senator was [questioned](#) several times Wednesday at a New Hampshire town hall on how he would address rising global temperatures. Once again, Rubio stated he does not support efforts to reduce pollution or address climate change, stating that he does not believe in “unilateral American policies or global policies for that matter” that seek to regulate energy and emissions.

Rubio’s responses echoed his remarks in eastern Iowa, where he told LCV volunteer Evan Friesen that all of the current climate proposals “won’t do anything for the climate but will increase costs for our economy.”

Rubio’s position runs contrary to the views of the American people. An overwhelming majority of the American public, including most Republicans, support government action to curb global warming, according to a [poll](#) conducted by The New York Times. As Rebecca Leber [argues](#) in The New Republic this week, Marco Rubio is “artfully disguising how extreme his positions really are.”

Obama Administration Pledges to Veto Lifting Of Oil Export Ban

The Office of Management and Budget this week [stated](#) this week that “legislation to remove crude export restrictions is not needed at this time,” and pushed Congress to focus on supporting the nation’s transition to a low-carbon economy. In its official Statement of Administration Policy, the Administration threatened to veto the bill.

The League of Conservation Voters was one of many environmental groups to [write](#) letters to lawmakers stating their opposition to the bill. Saying they will strongly consider scoring lawmakers’ votes on this bill, LCV called the bill “a massive giveaway to Big Oil at the expense of American consumers.”

Scientists Say Climate Change Intensified South Carolina Floods

The effects of the “once-in-a-millennium” storm that overwhelmed large parts of South Carolina over the past week were likely [exacerbated by climate change](#), said Michael Mann, director of the Earth System Science Center at Penn State University, adding that the storm, which has been blamed for at least 12 deaths, is another example of “weather on ‘steroids,’ another case where climate change worsened the effects of an already extreme meteorological event.”

Kerry and Bloomberg Make Climate Fight Local with “Our Cities, Our Climate”

Not only are local mayors taking the lead on climate change; they’re seeking to build momentum for a global agreement by sharing their ideas across the world. This week, the State Department—Bloomberg Philanthropies [initiative](#), “*Our Cities, Our Climate*,” hosted officials from across the globe to discuss sustainability standards—and how to apply them far and wide.

A look at next week:

October 12: No Labels National Problem Solver Convention – Manchester, NH

Joe Lieberman and Jon Huntsman will lead New Hampshire’s undeclared voters at a conference aiming to “bring back bipartisan leadership.” The lineup includes Chris Christie, Lindsey Graham, John Kasich, Martin O’Malley, George Pataki, Bernie Sanders, Donald Trump, and Jim Webb. More information can be viewed [here](#).

October 13: CNN Democratic Presidential Debate – Wynn Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, NV

The first debate of the Democratic primary takes place this Tuesday in Las Vegas, NV. LCV will urge all of the candidates to state their specific plans to reduce carbon pollution and fight climate change.