



2018



NEW MEMBER GUIDE



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OVERVIEW

The League of Conservation Voters (LCV) 2018 New Member Guide summarizes the backgrounds and environmental positions of newly elected federal candidates who were endorsed and/or financially supported by LCV Action Fund and/or state LCV partners. As in past election cycles, LCV Action Fund supported federal candidates who demonstrated a commitment to leading on climate change, promoting clean energy, fighting for the health of our communities, and protecting our air, water, land and wildlife. We are thrilled to have helped elect so many environmental champions to the U.S. House and Senate and to have helped flip control of the House to a pro-environment majority. It is worth noting that there are other pro-environment new members of Congress who are not included in this document for various reasons, and we look forward to working with them as well.

In the 2018 election cycle, LCV Action Fund endorsed candidates in 25 U.S. Senate races and 126 U.S. House races, supporting candidates who better reflect the diversity of our country, particularly more women, LGBTQ people and people of color. This is reflected in this historically diverse Congress, whose incoming class includes a number of Members of Congress who are “firsts” for their respective communities. For a complete list of LCV Action Fund endorsements, including those of incumbents who were re-elected, please visit: lcv.org/endorsements.

The 2018 New Member Guide includes 4 new members of the U.S. Senate and 50 new members of the U.S. House (and 8 races that are too close to call). LCV is committed to continue working with both new and returning members of Congress to protect the environment and public health.

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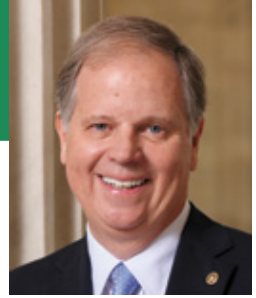
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U.S. SENATE

DOUG JONES (D-AL)



Doug Jones has been a staunch defender of public lands and environmental protection, and will continue to push for a transition to a clean energy economy in Alabama.

Jones began his life of public service volunteering with campus affairs at the University of Alabama and working on a statewide campaign to modernize Alabama's court system. He later served as the United States Attorney for the Northern District of Alabama beginning in 1997, successfully prosecuting two of the four men responsible for the 16th street church bombings. Along with taking on the Ku Klux Klan, he prosecuted terrorists like Eric Rudolph, and many others who sought to use fear, hatred, and violence to inhibit the rights of others. Senator Jones became the first Democratic senator elected from the state in 25 years in 2017.

As a Senator, Jones will fight to defend Alabama's natural treasures for outdoor recreation, hunters and fishers and tourism, and understands the vital role environmental priorities have positive economic impacts. He will continue to protect our water, air and public lands, and has cosponsored a bill to permanently reauthorize the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

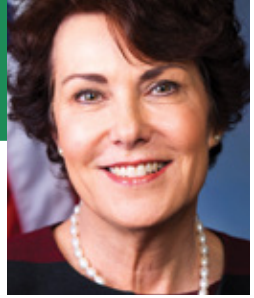
Jones returns to the U.S. Senate after winning a special election last December to replace Senator Jeff Sessions, who was confirmed as United States Attorney General. Sessions earned a 6% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard*.

IN HIS OWN WORDS:

“The consequences of our unchecked use of fossil fuels for our planet and our health have been clear for decades. Period. Clean air and clean water are not controversial. They are essential to our health, our prosperity, and our quality of life. We should be encouraging investment in renewable energy and conservation as ways to create new jobs and make ourselves energy independent.”

Doug Jones for Senate

JACKY ROSEN (D-NV)



Jacky Rosen has been a determined advocate for clean energy and environmental protection as a U.S. Representative from Nevada.

In Congress, she has fought against reopening Yucca Mountain for dumping nuclear waste, recognizing the risks it poses to Nevadans' health and safety. She has led on legislation to help women and girls succeed in computing and STEM fields, and has cosponsored a variety of pro-environmental bills such as reauthorizing the Land and Water Conservation Fund, promoting energy efficiency, and supporting scientific integrity in federal agency decision-making. Previously, she worked as a computer programmer and software developer for various prominent southern Nevada companies. As the former president of Congregation Ner Tamid, the state's largest synagogue, she worked closely with other community leaders, non-profits and partner organizations to address issues facing the community and led the construction of one of the largest solar arrays in Henderson.

As a Senator, she will advocate for clean air and clean water, public access to public lands and meaningful climate action and is committed to making Nevada a leader in solar and other forms of renewable energy. As a representative, she earned a 97% lifetime score on LCV's National Environmental Scorecard.

She joins the U.S. Senate after defeating Senator Dean Heller, who was named to LCV's *Senate Dirty Dozen* and earned an 11% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard*.

IN HER OWN WORDS:

“When I served as president of my synagogue, I saw firsthand the incredible impact that solar power can have in our communities to create good-paying jobs, cut costs and protect our environment. I was raised to believe it's our responsibility to leave the world a better place, and that's why I'm fighting to invest in renewable energy research, highlight the urgent national security threat of climate change, and protect amazing places like Gold Butte and Basin and Range for future generations.”

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KYRSTEN SINEMA (D-AZ)



Kyrsten Sinema has been a long-time supporter of environmental protections and clean energy in Arizona, since serving as a U.S. Representative.

In Congress, Sinema has sponsored many energy conservation and environmental bills, including incentives for clean energy development. She opposed the Keystone XL pipeline and voted in favor of limits on methane pollution. Sinema has also voted against additional oil drilling and efforts to roll back carbon pollution reductions from new and existing power plants, and she has voted in favor of clean energy initiatives and for wildlife conservation.

As a Senator, she will continue to advocate for public lands, promote Arizona's outdoor economy, and fight to protect clean air and clean water. As a representative, Sinema earned a 78% lifetime score, on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard* and is the first openly bisexual person to be elected to the U.S. Senate.

Sinema joins the U.S. Senate after defeating Representative Martha McSally, who earned a spot on LCV's *Senate Dirty Dozen* with a lifetime score of 6% on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard*. She fills the seat of retiring Senator Jeff Flake, who earned a 8% lifetime score.

IN HER OWN WORDS:

“ We know Arizona's parks are vital to our economic success and support jobs and vibrant communities across the state. In the Senate, I will continue working to protect our parks and public lands, promote our outdoor economy, and ensure every Arizona family has clean air to breathe and clean water to drink.

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TINA SMITH (D-MN)



Senator Tina Smith has an impressive track record of fighting for environmental progress in Minnesota, where she previously served as Lieutenant Governor.

As Lieutenant Governor, Smith championed clean energy, leading the effort to raise the state's Renewable Energy Standard from 25 percent by 2025 to 50 percent by 2030. As a member of the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, Smith has continued her environmental leadership by supporting climate action and protections for our air, water, and lands. Smith has spoken out against the Trump administration's decisions to roll back the Clean Power Plan and pull out of the Paris Climate Agreement. She is also a sponsor of the ANTIQUITIES Act of 2018 to protect our public lands, and supports the Rural Energy for America Program (REAP), which helps agricultural producers and rural small businesses with energy efficiency improvements.

In the Senate, she will continue fighting against the Trump Administration's decision to leave the Paris Climate Agreement and the Clean Power Plan and champion legislation that protects clean air and public lands.

Smith returns to the U.S. Senate after having been appointed to fill the seat vacated by Senator Al Franken, who earned a 97% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard*.

IN HER OWN WORDS:

“ I am committed to protecting and preserving our nation's land, water and air so future generations can continue to build toward a clean energy future. I have long fought to preserve Minnesota's way of life—our lakes, rivers and forests—while working with clean energy businesses to grow jobs, and I look forward to continuing that work in the Senate.

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U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

COLIN ALLRED (D-TX-32)



Colin Allred is a proven champion for voting rights and the environment and was born and raised in Texas.

Allred is a civil rights attorney and former professional athlete who served as a Special Assistant at the Department of Housing and Urban Development's Office of General Counsel during the Obama Administration. More recently, he worked at the law firm of Perkins Coie as a voting rights litigator and counsel to national and state political candidates and advocacy organizations.

As a representative, Allred will work to reduce carbon pollution by helping Texas meet its tremendous clean energy potential and supporting investments in the renewable energy and public transportation sectors.

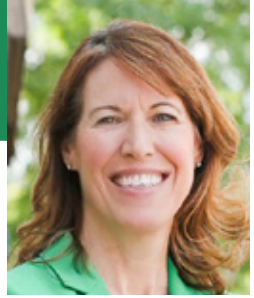
Allred joins the U.S. House after defeating Representative Pete Sessions, who earned a 2% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard*.

IN HIS OWN WORDS:

“Texas is a state rich with natural resources and breathtaking scenic views. But with this richness comes a responsibility to be good stewards of the land we have been blessed with. We need to elect leaders who understand the economic and environmental impacts of responsible energy policies that not only put Texans to work, but conserve the natural beauty of our great state.”

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CINDY AXNE (D-IA-03)



Cindy Axne is a leader for our environment who has a proven track record of creating good-paying clean energy jobs in Iowa, where she was raised.

Axne worked for former Iowa Governor Chet Culver's Agenda for Energy Efficiency and Clean Environment, from 2005 to 2014, and helped to make Iowa the second state in the nation in wind energy production. Previously, she ran a small digital design business with her husband.

As a representative, Axne will focus on bringing more clean energy jobs to Iowa and improving soil and water quality across the state.

Axne joins the U.S. House after defeating Representative David Young, who earned a 3% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard*.

IN HER OWN WORDS:

“ Our farmers here in Iowa are already starting to see the devastating and very real effects of climate change with increased drought and floods. In Congress I will be a staunch advocate for our environment, and will fight for policies that protect our food supplies and the livelihoods of hard-working Iowans all across the state.

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SEAN CASTEN (D-IL-06)



Sean Casten has dedicated his career to clean energy in the state of Illinois.

Casten is a biochemical engineer who has spent his career at the helm of multiple companies that have been committed to energy efficiency and that have created hundreds of jobs in clean energy. He co-founded Recycled Energy Development, in 2007, an organization that focuses on profitably reducing carbon emissions and founded an advocacy organization that represented more than fifty clean energy businesses.

As a representative, he is committed to championing output-based pollution standards, passing a national Fossil Energy Reduction Standard, and advocating for the development of clean energy sources.

Casten joins the U.S. House after defeating Representative Peter Roskam, who earned a 7% lifetime score, on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard*.

IN HIS OWN WORDS:

“ I have dedicated my career to fighting climate change and, more specifically, to building projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions. I would continue this focus, were I to be elected to Congress. Climate change is the existential threat of our time and we need more representatives who are willing to make it a top priority.

Chicago Sun Times

ANGIE CRAIG (D-MN-02)



Angie Craig is committed to public health and has advocated for clean air and clean water in Minnesota.

Craig has spent much of her career in public health, and has risen to the executive level at two healthcare companies, including Fortune 500, St. Paul-based St. Jude Medical. She is a member of the Democratic-Farm-Labor Caucus and has advocated for clean water and clean air initiatives and is committed to growing the renewable energy sector through investment in wind, solar and energy efficiency. She has served on the Inver Hills Community College Foundation Board and, previously, she worked as a newspaper reporter.

As a representative, Craig will advocate for reducing carbon emissions and help to address climate change. She will fight to protect Minnesota's clean water and is committed to growing the renewable energy sector through investment in wind, solar and energy efficiency. She is the first openly LGBTQ member of Congress from Minnesota.

Craig joins the U.S. House after defeating Representative Jason Lewis, who was named to LCV's *House Dirty Dozen* list and earned a 0% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard*.

IN HER OWN WORDS:

“Climate change is a threat to our environment and the health and safety of all Americans. But it also presents us with a great opportunity to create economic growth through smart public policies. We must continue to encourage growth in the renewable energy sector, and become a world leader in innovation.

Angie Craig for Congress

JASON CROW (D-CO-06)



Jason Crow is committed to advocating for environmental protections.

Crow, a veteran of the Army's 82nd Airborne Division, completed three combat tours in Iraq and Afghanistan and earned a Bronze Star. He has worked on a number of veterans' issues, including campaigning for the repeal of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" and working on veterans' issues for Senator Mark Udall and Governor John Hickenlooper.

As a representative, Crow is committed to fighting for policies that will build a clean energy economy. He will advocate for the United States to rejoin the Paris Climate Agreement, to implement the Clean Power Plan, and to invest in clean energy technology. He will also fight to transition to 100% clean energy by 2050 and to pass policies that protect clean air, clean water, and public lands.

Crow joins the U.S. House after defeating Representative Mike Coffman, who was named to LCV's *House Dirty Dozen* and earned a 5% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard*.

IN HIS OWN WORDS:

“Every Coloradan has an obligation to preserve our state's incredible natural environment for the next generation, and that's a responsibility I take seriously. I'll fight every day to ensure my kids—and every child in Colorado—have access to the same natural environment that makes me proud to call our state home.”

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SHARICE DAVIDS (D-KS-03)



Sharice Davids is committed to expanding wind power to generate clean energy and new jobs in Kansas, where she is a member of the Ho-Chunk Nation.

Davids is an attorney who has worked with Native American tribes on economic development. She was a White House Fellow during the Obama-Trump transition. Previously, she was a professional mixed martial arts fighter.

As a representative, Davids will focus on investment in clean energy infrastructure and protecting our air and water. She will support tax policies that promote clean energy and will fight against efforts to weaken the Clean Water and Clean Air Acts. She is the one of the first Native American women elected to Congress and is the first openly LGBTQ member to represent Kansas.

Davids joins the U.S. House after defeating Representative Kevin Yoder, who was named to LCV's *House Dirty Dozen* and earned a 3% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard*.

IN HER OWN WORDS:

“Protecting our environment and natural resources is necessary for both our planet and our economy. In Kansas, we are uniquely positioned to capitalize on renewable energy to create good-paying jobs while growing our clean energy economy.”

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MADELEINE DEAN (D-PA-04)



Madeleine Dean has been a champion for Pennsylvania's environment in the General Assembly, where she has advocated for policies that address climate change and protect public lands.

Dean served as Abington Township Commissioner for Ward 7 before being elected to the Pennsylvania General Assembly in 2012. In the state House, Dean has been a champion for environmental issues, earning an 100% lifetime score on Conservation Voters of Pennsylvania's Legislative Scorecard. She sponsored legislation in 2017 to put a severance tax on natural gas extraction and has voted in favor of implementing the Clean Power Plan, protecting parks from drilling, and regulations on oil and gas extraction.

In Congress, she will focus on smart solutions to address climate change and growing Pennsylvania's clean energy economy. She will support rejoining the Paris Climate Agreement and advocate for clean energy and increased funding for the EPA.

Dean joins the U.S. House to represent the newly-redrawn 4th district.

IN HER OWN WORDS:

“*Lawmakers have a responsibility to protect and preserve our environment, our air, water, and land for ourselves and for the generations to come. I am eager to work towards better standards that protect what we have, and fight for a cleaner tomorrow.*”

LCAV Press Release

ANTONIO DELGADO (D-NY-19)



Antonio Delgado is an advocate for environmental justice in Upstate New York, where he was born and raised.

Delgado, who earned a Rhodes Scholarship to Oxford and attended Harvard Law School, is an entrepreneur who founded Statik Entertainment, an organization that seeks to empower youth to political activism through media, creative writing and other outlets. Later, he went on to work as a Litigation Associate in the law offices of Brian D. Witzer and as counsel for Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld.

As a representative, Delgado will fight to protect Upstate New York's immense natural resources and waterways. He is a champion for clean water and will advocate for the creation of clean energy jobs and a transition to a green economy.

Delgado joins the U.S. House after defeating Representative John Faso, who earned a lifetime score of 34% on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard*.

IN HIS OWN WORDS:

“*The impact of climate change on our environment is undeniable. It is imperative that we work together to mitigate the factors causing extreme and often unpredictable weather conditions.*”

Delgado for Congress

VERONICA ESCOBAR (D-TX-16)



Veronica Escobar has a proven track record of standing up for environmental justice in Texas, where she previously served as an El Paso County Commissioner and Judge.

As a public servant, Escobar worked to protect the environment and address environmental injustices. She opposed a smelter plant in one of El Paso's Latino communities, as well as the Sierra Blanca nuclear waste site. In 2007, she founded an ecotourism commission that promoted the outdoor recreation industry. She also helped to create a foundation to build a riverside trail across the entire county and has been an advocate for preserving the Castner Range and creating a national monument.

As a representative, she will continue to support initiatives that protect natural resources and public lands. She is one of the first Latinas elected to represent Texas in Congress.

Escobar joins the U.S. House to fill the seat of Representative Beto O'Rourke, who earned a 95% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard* and ran to represent Texas in the U.S. Senate.

IN HER OWN WORDS:

“ Our district in West Texas is home to a diverse and beautiful ecosystem. If elected to Congress, I will work to ensure these Texas gems, such as Castner Range, stay protected and preserved for future generations, and fight for environmental justice for all communities.

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ABBY FINKENAUER (D-IA-01)



Abby Finkenaue is an important voice in a new generation of environmental leaders, who has been a champion for renewable energy and climate action in the Iowa House of Representatives.

As a state Representative, she sponsored a bill to include Iowa in the U.S. Climate Alliance. She helped lead efforts against the restructuring of the Iowa Energy Center, a renewable energy research center. Previously, she worked for the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque and served on the board of Greater Dubuque Development Corporation. In 2017, she received the Democratic Activist Women's Network's "Rising Star Award."

As a representative, Finkenaue will continue her fight to address climate change and protect Iowans' air and water. She also will fight to create jobs in Clean Energy, for Eastern Iowa.

Finkenaue joins the U.S. House after defeating Representative Rod Blum, who was named to LCV's *House Dirty Dozen* and earned a 2% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard*.

IN HER OWN WORDS:

“In Congress I will always be a voice for common sense policies that protect our air and water, fight climate change, and create good-paying clean energy jobs for Eastern Iowa.”

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JESUS “CHUY” GARCIA (D-IL-04)



Jesus Garcia is a progressive voice on environmental issues and has led a lifetime of public service in Illinois.

Garcia, who immigrated with his family from Mexico when he was ten, has served as a Chicago Alderman, an Illinois State Senator, a Cook County Commissioner, and Deputy Water Commissioner in Chicago. He supports governmental funding for clean energy sources and cares deeply about pollution’s impact on public health and particularly lead poisoning in public water systems.

Garcia joins the U.S. House to replace retiring Representative Luis Gutierrez, who earned a 91% lifetime score on LCV’s *National Environmental Scorecard*.

IN HIS OWN WORDS:

“Climate Change is a real phenomenon that has been exacerbated and accelerated by human activities including our uncontrolled emissions of vast quantities of carbon dioxide and other global warming chemicals into the atmosphere. We can minimize further damage to the environment by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases as was proposed in the Obama Clean Energy plan and with support for alternative energy sources, more efficient houses and cars, etc.

Chicago Sun Times

SYLVIA GARCIA (D-TX-29)



Sylvia Garcia is a tireless advocate for clean air, open spaces, and clean water in Texas where she served as Harris County Commissioner and Texas State Senator.

As County Commissioner, Garcia helped to make progress on cleaning up Superfund sites and the San Jacinto River. She also advocated for funding from chemical plants and industry to improve pollution monitoring in Houston. During the 2017 session, she led the fight to halt construction of Trump's border wall by introducing a bill to prevent state contracts with companies hired to complete the construction. Additionally, she has worked to fight for the removal of the lead pipes that provide contaminated drinking water to Texas schools. She received a 100% grade on the most recent Texas LCV Scorecard.

In Congress, Garcia will continue to be a leader on environmental justice and work to advance the fight against pollution. She is one of the first Latinas elected to represent Texas in Congress.

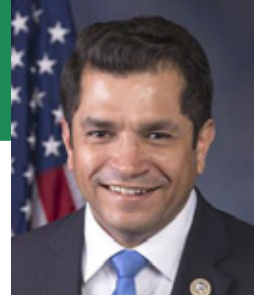
Garcia joins the U.S. House to fill the seat of retiring Representative Gene Green, who earned a 66% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard*.

IN HER OWN WORDS:

“ I have always fought for better air quality, green spaces and clean water. I am ready to take that fight to Washington.

LCVAF Press Release

JIMMY GOMEZ (D-CA-34)



Jimmy Gomez has been a longtime advocate for environmental justice in California where he has served both as an Assembly member and as the U.S. Representative for the 34th district.

While serving on the California General Assembly, Gomez helped to usher a number of bills that promote clean energy, extend greenhouse gas emissions targets, and promote a more equitable distribution of the funds generated by California's cap-and-trade program. As the representative for California's 34th district, he has been vocal in his opposition of the Trump Administration's efforts to reduce national monuments in Utah. He has also been a strong advocate for restoration efforts of the Los Angeles River. Gomez has received numerous awards, including the Green Leadership award from Green California and the Smith-Weiss Environmental Champion award from the Los Angeles League of Conservation Voters.

In Congress, Gomez will continue to fight to preserve our natural resources, ease our reliance on fossil fuels, and invest in public transportation.

Gomez returns to the U.S. House, after winning a special election last April to replace Representative Xavier Becerra, who was confirmed as Attorney General of California. Becerra earned a 91% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard*.

IN HIS OWN WORDS:

“ [I] will continue to fight for environmental justice, preserving our natural resources, reducing our reliance on fossil fuels, investing in mass transit, smart development and will make fighting the effects of climate change a priority – this includes fighting Obama Administration policy rollbacks by climate change deniers from the Trump Administration and holding them responsible.

Jimmy Gomez for Congress

DEB HAALAND (D-NM-01)



Deb Haaland has a proven record of advocating for natural resources in New Mexico, where she is a member of the Pueblo of Laguna.

Haaland has been an activist and leader in both the tribal community and in the Democratic Party her entire life. She previously served as chair of the New Mexico Democratic Party, and has worked as a tribal administrator and administered a local service provider for adults with developmental disabilities.

As a representative, Haaland will be a leader for environmental justice and will fight for clean energy and to protect New Mexico's freshwater resources and public lands. She will work to reduce pollution and advocate for funding for the EPA. She is one of the first Native American women to serve in Congress.

Haaland joins the U.S. House to fill the seat of Representative Michelle Lujan Grisham, who earned a 91% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard* and has been elected Governor of New Mexico.

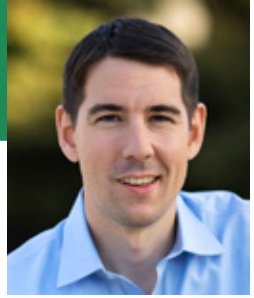


IN HER OWN WORDS:

“For me, the fight for our planet is personal. My parents instilled respect and reverence of the land and water into my siblings and I from a very young age. If elected to Congress, I will work to address the pressing challenges facing our environment and communities because of climate change. I will fight for a swift transition to 100% renewable energy, be fierce on the front lines to keep public lands in public hands, and to continually pressure the EPA Administrator to do his job and protect our land, water and air.”

LCVAF Press Release

JOSH HARDER (D-CA-10)



Josh Harder is a strong advocate for clean air and water and addressing climate change.

Harder has devoted his career to advocating for better lives and economic growth—he has worked for the Gates Foundation, and other nonprofits, in addition to organizing farmers in Kenya and Uganda. Previously, he worked to grow small businesses and create jobs with Bessamer Venture Partners and taught business classes at Modesto Junior College.

In Congress, Harder will invest in water efficiency, expand water storage so that the Central Valley is better equipped for droughts, and advocate for inland desalination plants, in order to increase water production.

Harder joins the U.S. House after defeating Representative Jeff Denham, who earned an 6% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard*.

IN HIS OWN WORDS:

“Water has been the critical issue for agriculture in the Valley since my great-great-grandfather began farming in Manteca more than 170 years ago, and we will never solve our problems by shipping it to Southern California. For too long, politicians have haggled over our water crisis instead of working to solve it. I'll work with Republicans and Democrats alike to find solutions to secure our water supply for future generations.

Josh Harder for Congress

JAHANA HAYES (D-CT-05)



Jahana Hayes is a tireless advocate for public health and committed to fighting for environmental justice.

Hayes is a tireless advocate for her community. She previously served as the Talent and Professional Development Supervisor for Waterbury Public Schools, and won the 2016 National Teacher of the Year award.

As a representative, Hayes will fight to protect her district's extensive waterways, which provide immense value for the communities of Connecticut. She will work to address challenges that threaten lakes and rivers, like algae bloom and invasive species. As an advocate for clean air and clean water, she will fight for the funds to clean up brownfields. She is the first black woman to be elected to Congress from Connecticut.

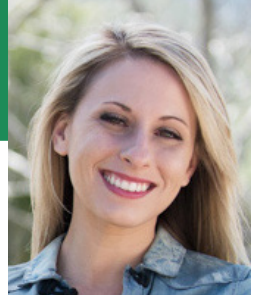
Hayes joins the U. S. House to fill the seat of retiring Representative Elizabeth Esty, who received a 99% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard*.

IN HER OWN WORDS:

“Connecticut’s 5th District is home to stunning natural beauty and abundant natural resources. It’s also home to significant environmental challenges. I am ready to build on critical work with policies that will preserve and improve our environment.”

LCVAF Press Release

KATIE HILL (D-CA-25)



Katie Hill is an ardent leader for clean air and clean water and a social justice advocate in California.

Previously, Hill served as Executive Director of People Assisting the Homeless (PATH), a non-profit committed to developing affordable and supportive places for people to live. During her tenure, she grew the organization into the largest non-profit provider of homes for the homeless in the state of California, operating with yearly operations of over \$50 million. She also helped to champion and pass historic ballot initiatives Measure H and Prop HHH in order to help alleviate homelessness in Los Angeles County.

In Congress, Hill will focus on the transition to 100% clean energy and addressing the climate crisis. She will advocate to shut down the Aliso Canyon Oil Field and work to end the creation of new power plants. She is the first openly LGBTQ woman to represent California in Congress.

Hill joins the U.S. House after defeating Representative Steve Knight, who earned a 3% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard*.

IN HER OWN WORDS:

“Protecting the planet is not just an environmental issue, but a human health issue. Our families and communities need clean air, water and a non-toxic food supply so we can flourish for generations to come. In 2015, the Department of Defense informed Congress the implications of climate change included aggravating global issues, such as poverty, social tensions and food shortages. These are all threats to vital human health and sustainability that we must take seriously, and should inspire us to do whatever it takes to reverse the damage done to our environment.”

Katie Hill for Congress

STEVEN HORSFORD (D-NV-04)



Steven Horsford is a tireless champion for environmental justice and previously served as the congressional representative from Nevada's 4th district.

As Nevada Senate Majority Leader, Horsford authored the Clean Energy Jobs Initiative, which funded jobs in clean energy and energy efficiency. He also helped to pass a bill that will increase Nevada's renewable energy standards to 25% by 2025. In Congress, Horsford advocated for clean energy tax incentives and served as a member of the Committee on Natural Resources, where he introduced and cosponsored several bills to expand public land designations and create jobs in Nevada. He helped secure the 48,000-acres Wovoka Wilderness Area designation, establish the Tule Spring National Monument, and build support for protections for Gold Butte.

As a representative, Horsford will advocate for clean energy and environmental protections and continue to be a leader in preserving our public lands.

Horsford returns to the U.S. House to fill the seat of retiring Representative Ruben Kihuen, who earned a 97% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard*.

IN HIS OWN WORDS:

“ We must stop Donald Trump and Cresent Hardy from rolling back protections on the air we breathe and the water we drink, taking us backwards on climate change, and selling out our parks and public lands to the highest bidder. Hardy's extreme record of voting against clean energy, funding for parks, and public health protections does not represent our values or best interests.

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CHRISSY HOULAHAN (D-PA-06)



Chrissy Houlahan has demonstrated a commitment to environmental protections and sustainability throughout her career.

IN HER OWN WORDS:

“As one of the original team that created B Corporations (Benefit Corporations), I know the importance of building businesses, a supportive government and a larger economy that honors our environment and that encourages sustainable practices. In Congress, I will be a champion for our environment and will work to combat the threat of climate change and the assault on truth and data.”

Chrissy Houlahan for Congress

As former engineer and the COO of a non-profit that advocates for B Corporations, she has a fundamental understanding of the importance of building corporations and an economy that is committed to sustainability and to protecting our environment. Previously, she served as President for a nonprofit in Philadelphia that promoted early childhood literacy across the country. She has also worked as a chemistry teacher. She is an outspoken opponent of the Trump Administration’s denials of climate change, and its decision to withdraw from the Paris Climate Agreement.

As a representative, Houlahan will continue to advocate for environmental protections and fight again climate change.

Houlahan joins the U.S. House to fill the seat of retiring Representative Ryan Costello, who earned a 31% lifetime score on LCV’s *National Environmental Scorecard*.

ANDY KIM (D-NJ-03)



Andy Kim is a dedicated public servant who supports American leadership to combat climate change and will fight for clean air, clean water and public health.

IN HIS OWN WORDS:

“As a former national security official, I know climate change is not just an important environmental issue, but also an important national security issue. Congress needs to find bipartisan solutions to this pressing issue. Clean energy production isn’t just about our environment, it’s also about employing South Jersey and the Jersey shore with good, high-paying jobs. In Congress, I will work to bring those jobs here so we can work on these urgent environmental issues together.”

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Andy Kim was born and raised in South Jersey and graduated from the University of Chicago with a degree in political science. After college, Kim was a Rhodes Scholar and Truman Scholar and received a master’s degree and doctorate in International Relations from Oxford University. After completing his education, Kim worked for the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and the Africa Bureau at the United States Agency for International Development (USAID). He then worked as a strategic adviser for General David Petraeus in Afghanistan. Most recently he advised President Obama on ISIS and he served for two years as the Director for Iraq on President Obama’s National Security Council.

As a representative, Kim will prioritize responding to climate change as a national security crisis and stopping offshore drilling in New Jersey. He will work to rejoin the Paris Climate Agreement and protect against efforts to gut the EPA.

Kim joins the U.S. House to fill the seat of Representative Tom MacArthur, who earned a 14% lifetime score on LCV’s *National Environmental Scorecard*.

SUSIE LEE (D-NV-03)



Susie Lee has demonstrated a lifetime commitment to protecting her community and the environment and has worked to protect natural resources and public lands.

Lee began her career at an environmental consulting firm, where she worked on water management policy, toxic release monitoring, Clean Air Act compliance, and holding corporations accountable for environmental damages. She has been an advocate for preserving our country's vast natural resources and public lands. Lee has worked to protect the Basin and Range National Monument and other natural treasures in Nevada, like the Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area. She is a lifetime member of the Protectors of Tule Springs.

As a representative, she will work to combat climate change, conserve our natural resources, and hold polluters accountable. She will advocate for clean energy and fight to hold the Trump Administration accountable for its rollbacks to environmental protections.

Lee joins the U.S. House to fill the seat of Representative Jacky Rosen, who earned a 97% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard* and has been elected to represent Nevada in the U.S. Senate.

IN HER OWN WORDS:

“After I graduated from college, my first job was as an environmental consultant, handling water management, air quality, and other environmental issues. I have also been a strong advocate for conservation here in Nevada, and have a deep appreciation for the value of Nevada's natural resources and public lands.

Susie Lee for Congress

ANDY LEVIN (D-MI-09)



Andy Levin is a lifelong environmental activist, who has a proven track record of promoting clean energy.

Levin has advocated for the environment throughout his career. He founded Lean & Green Michigan, an energy finance marketplace that helps businesses and nonprofits to finance clean energy throughout the state. He also served as Deputy Director and Acting Director of the Michigan Department of Energy, Labor & Economic Growth from 2007 to 2011. Previously, Levin worked as a union organizer and workers' rights advocate, and has also joined efforts to prevent drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

As a representative, he will continue to fight for our environment by advocating for the preservation of natural resources and the urgent need to address climate change, as well as to work to make Michigan a leader in clean energy technology.

Levin joins the U.S. House to fill the seat of retiring Representative Sander Levin, who earned a 91% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard*.

IN HIS OWN WORDS:

“Above all, we must address climate change with tremendous urgency. Saving our planet and our people from global warming is a moral imperative, but it's also an economic opportunity. I created Lean & Green Michigan to help businesses and nonprofits retrofit their buildings for energy efficiency, water efficiency and renewable energy like solar.

Andy Levin for US Congress

MIKE LEVIN (D-CA-49)



Mike Levin is a lifelong champion of environmental progress and has worked for more than a decade for sustainable energy.

Levin previously served as executive director of the Orange County Democratic Party before working at the clean energy companies Better Energy Systems and Ener-Core. Levin co-founded Sustain OC, a nonprofit that supports the renewable energy technology industry in Orange County. He has also served on the board of directors of the Center for Sustainable Energy and the California Hydrogen Business Council. He most recently served as the Director of Government Affairs at FuelCell Energy.

As a representative, Levin will bring his extensive experience in the clean energy industry to Congress and be a champion on the issues of sustainability and climate change. He will advocate to explore a carbon tax, cap-and-trade policies, and long-term solutions to remove nuclear waste from the coast. He will support clean energy and a transition away from fossil fuels. He will also fight to end subsidies to oil companies and hold the Trump Administration accountable for its rollbacks of environmental protections.

Levin joins the U.S. House after defeating Diane Harkey who earned a spot on LCV's *House Dirty Dozen*. He fills the seat of retiring Representative Darrell Issa, who earned a 4% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard*.

IN HIS OWN WORDS:

“For the last decade, I have been involved in the clean energy industry as an attorney and non-profit founder and director, and I will be a champion in Washington on issues of sustainability and climate change and their impact on our economy, health, and security. I want to put our district at the forefront of clean energy economic growth.”

Mike Levin Campaign Website

ELAINE LURIA (D-VA-02)



Elaine Luria is a strong defender of clean water, clean air, and public lands.

Luria is a Navy veteran that served as a Surface Warfare Officer and nuclear engineer for twenty years, deploying six times, and conducting operations in the Middle East and the Western Pacific. More recently, Luria began a small business in Hampton Roads that created jobs in her community and donated more than \$50,000 to charity.

As a representative, Luria will fight back against the Trump Administration's attempts to bring offshore drilling to Virginia and will work to restore the health of the Chesapeake Bay. She will be a champion for clean energy technology and work towards environmental protections.

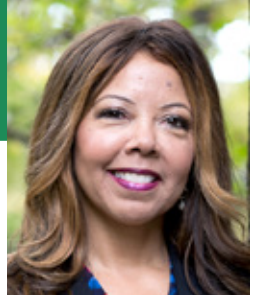
Luria joins the U.S. House after defeating Representative Scott Taylor, who earned a 6% lifetime score, on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard*.

IN HER OWN WORDS:

“As a Navy veteran and small business owner, I know first-hand how important it is to our regional economy and our military readiness to prevent offshore drilling off Virginia's coasts.”

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LUCY MCBATH (D-GA-06)



Lucy McBath is committed to growing the clean energy economy in Georgia, where she created the Champion In The Making Legacy Foundation, which provides resources for graduating high school students.

McBath has served as the national spokesperson and Faith and Outreach leader for both Everytown for Gun Safety and Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America, where she advocated for gun safety and the health and safety of children and families, following the tragic death of her son, who was shot and killed at a gas station in Jacksonville, Florida. She has been an outspoken critic of the Trump Administration's environmental rollbacks and called for the resignation of former EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt.

As a representative, she will fight for clean air and clean water for all communities, support growing Georgia's clean energy economy, and addressing the climate crisis. She will oppose offshore drilling in public waters and stand up to attacks on science.

McBath joins the U.S. House after defeating Representative Karen Handel, who earned a lifetime score of 0% on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard*.

IN HER OWN WORDS:

“ I have a deep respect and appreciation for our environment. Some of my fondest memories growing up come from taking long walks through nature with my father. In Georgia, it is imperative that we fight hard for conservation from the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains to the Savannah River. I plan to do all that I can to build a new clean energy infrastructure and preserve our public spaces.

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TOM MALINOWSKI (D-NJ-07)



Tom Malinowski has dedicated his career to human rights, including the right to breathe clean air and drink clean water.

IN HIS OWN WORDS:

“ I strongly believe that we must preserve the natural and wild places of our state and of our country, and that protecting the environment is as vital to our economy as it is to the health of our kids. As a Congressman, I will oppose pipelines and offshore oil rigs that threaten New Jersey’s environment and delay our path to a clean energy future.

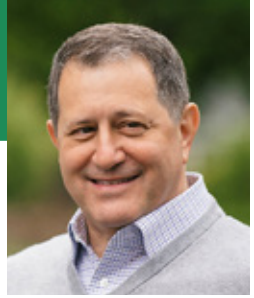
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Malinowski worked as a speechwriter for Secretaries of State Warren Christopher and Madeleine Albright, in the Clinton administration, and later served as a Senior Director on the National Security Council. From 2011 to 2013, Malinowski was the Washington Director for Human Rights Watch. Most recently, as Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor, he worked to protect the rights of women and the LGBTQ community, among other issues. He has opposed the PennEast and Pilgrim pipelines and has spoken against offshore drilling, especially off New Jersey’s coast.

As a representative, Malinowski will continue to stand up for human rights by fighting for those most exposed to the harmful effects of pollution and defending clean air and water protections for all. He will continue to be a leader in opposing fossil fuel subsidies, advocating for a clean energy economy, and supporting funding for the EPA.

Malinowski joins the U.S. House after defeating Representative Leonard Lance, who earned a 23% lifetime score on LCV’s *National Environmental Scorecard*.

JOE MORELLE (D-NY-25)



Joe Morelle has a proven track record of protecting clean air, clean water, and open spaces.

Morelle has been a vocal opponent of the Trump Administration's rollbacks of environmental protections. As a member of the state assembly, he has voted in favor of initiatives that will ensure environmental protections for future generations, including the Climate and Community Protection Act and bills that ban offshore drilling and fracking.

As a representative, he will be a strong ally for climate action, advocate for the United States to rejoin the Paris Climate Agreement. Morelle will also fight to significantly reduce national carbon emissions and protect clean energy incentive programs.

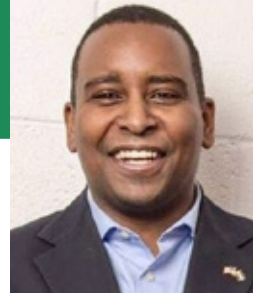
Morelle joins the U.S. House to fill the vacant seat of Representative Louise Slaughter, who passed away in March. Slaughter earned a 91% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard*.

IN HIS OWN WORDS:

“*That is why in Congress I will work tirelessly to advance laws that protect clean water and preserve our open spaces. I will fight to reduce carbon pollution, support efforts to increase reliance on clean, renewable energies, and ensure that climate solutions do not disproportionately impact American workers and vulnerable communities.*”

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JOE NEGUSE (D-CO-02)



Joe Neguse has devoted his career to advancing the environmental movement in Colorado, where he co-founded New Era Colorado, a non-profit agency dedicated to climate and clean energy issues.

With New Era Colorado, Neguse worked to engage young people in efforts to fight climate change and to promote clean energy in the state. His work helped to address issues such as energy efficiency standards for rental units and a municipal clean energy utility in the city of Boulder. In 2008, he was elected to serve a six year term as a member of the University of Colorado's Board of Regents, the second African American to serve on the board. Most recently, he served as Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies.

As a representative, Neguse will prioritize fighting for environment protections, including repealing the "Halliburton-loophole," which enables the fracking industry, and advocating for renewable energy in the United States. He is the first African-American to represent Colorado in Congress.

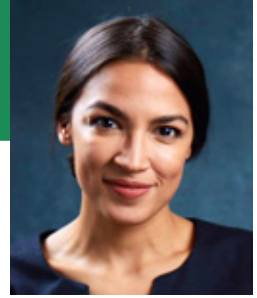
Neguse joins the U.S. House to fill the seat of Representative Jared Polis, who earned a 92% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard* and has been elected Governor of Colorado.

IN HIS OWN WORDS:

“ Our climate is at grave risk, and a new generation of leaders must tackle this problem head on. That means taking bold action on renewable and clean energy and protecting the incredible public lands in the 2nd Congressional District and beyond.

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ALEXANDRIA OCASIO-CORTEZ (D-NY-14)



Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez is committed to climate justice and building a renewable energy economy.

Ocasio-Cortez, who was an organizer for Bernie Sanders' 2016 presidential campaign, has spent time as an activist in both Flint, Michigan and in North Dakota protesting the Dakota Access Pipeline. Previously, she worked as an Educational Director for high-school students and served in Senator Ted Kennedy's immigration office. She was the first woman of color ever to run in New York's fourteenth district.

As a representative, Ocasio-Cortez will be an environmental champion. She has made climate action and environmental justice centerpieces of her campaign for Congress and is committed to implementing a 21st century Green New Deal to spur economic recovery and accelerate our transition to a clean energy economy—she believes the United States can be carbon-free and utilize 100% renewable energy by 2035.

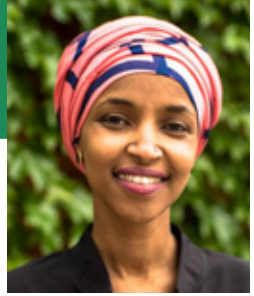
Ocasio-Cortez joins the U.S. House after defeating Representative Joe Crowley in the primary election. Crowley earned a lifetime score of 94% on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard*.

IN HER OWN WORDS:

“Climate change is the single biggest national security threat for the United States and the single biggest threat to worldwide industrialized civilization, and the effects of warming can be hard to predict and self-reinforcing. We need to avoid a worldwide refugee crisis by waging a war for climate justice through the mobilization of our population and our government.”

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ILHAN OMAR (D-MN-05)



Ilhan Omar is an advocate for environmental justice in Minnesota.

Omar served in the Minnesota House of Representatives, where she became the first Somali-American, Muslim legislator in the United States. She has also worked as a community educator at the University of Minnesota and served as a senior Policy Aide for a Minneapolis City Council Member. She is a former advisory board member for Minnesota Council on American Islamic relations.

As a representative, Omar will fight to transition to 100% renewable energy by 2035 and promote a green energy economy. She will advocate to reinstate the Clean Power Plan, stand up against fossil fuel subsidies and support zero-waste communities. She is the first Somali-American woman and one of the first Muslim women to be elected to Congress.

Omar joins the U.S. House to fill the seat of Representative Keith Ellison, who earned a lifetime score of 94% on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard* and has been elected Attorney General of Minnesota.

IN HER OWN WORDS:

“ We need bold action, and a transformation of our political and economic systems to combat climate change. Those who have been and will most impacted by climate change must be centered in our policies: communities of color and Indigenous populations, along with workers who would be out of employment from a divestment from the fossil fuel industry.

Ilhan for Congress

CHRIS PAPPAS (D-NH-01)



Chris Pappas is an proven advocate for clean energy in New Hampshire, where he is a small-business owner who has served both as a State Representative and on the Executive Council.

As a member of the New Hampshire Executive Council, Pappas worked to secure investments in clean energy across the state, supporting projects that involved solar, wind, and geothermal, among other alternative energy sources. He is an outspoken critic of the Trump Administration's decisions to leave the Paris Climate Agreement and end the Clean Power Plan.

As a representative, Pappas will work to hold the Trump Administration accountable and advocate for environmental preservation and renewable energy sources. He is the first openly LGBTQ member of Congress from New Hampshire.

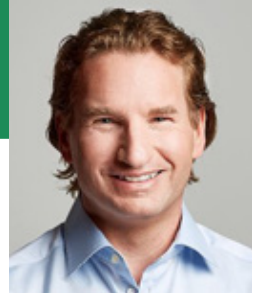
Pappas joins the U.S. House to fill the seat of retiring Representative Carol Shea-Porter, who earned a 97% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard*.

IN HIS OWN WORDS:

“*New Hampshire's way of life and economy is rooted in our coastline, lakes, mountains, forests, and natural surroundings. We should all work to leave our environment better than we found it; that means promoting clean energy, supporting environmental protection, and confronting the existential threat of climate change head-on.*”

Chris Pappas Congress

DEAN PHILLIPS (D-MN-03)



Dean Phillips is an advocate for clean air and clean energy.

Phillips is a lifelong entrepreneur who has previously worked at start-up company that produced cycling apparel and equipment and at Talenti Gelato, which he helped build into the largest gelato brand in the country. He has also served as CEO of his family's business, Phillips Distilling Company.

As a representative, Phillips will protect the Boundary Waters Canoe Area, as well as other public lands and national monuments. He will work to fight against invasive species that threaten our waterways and to oppose the rollbacks of environmental protections by the Trump Administration.

Phillips joins after defeating Representative Erik Paulsen, who earned a 16% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard*.

IN HIS OWN WORDS:

“Protecting our clean air and water—and taking meaningful action on climate change—will be among my top priorities if elected.”

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AYANNA PRESSLEY (D-MA-07)



Ayanna Pressley is a tireless advocate for healthy communities, equity and environmental justice in Massachusetts, where she served for eight years on the Boston City Council.

During her time on the Council, Pressley advocated for the creation of the Committee on Healthy Women, Families, and Communities. She fought to enact policies that combated poverty, supported families, and sought to address structural inequalities faced by women. Previously, she served as a Senior Aide for both Congressman Joseph P. Kennedy II and Senator John Kerry. In 2016, Pressley appeared on a list of “14 Young Democrats to Watch,” by The New York Times.

As a representative, Pressley will be a champion for low-income communities and those who are disproportionately affected by climate change and pollution. She will advocate for the Clean Power Plan to be reinstated and fight to empower the EPA. She will also work towards building a clean energy economy in our country and defend access to public green spaces. She is the first black woman to represent Massachusetts in Congress.

Pressley joins the U.S. House after defeating Representative Mike Capuano in the primary election. Capuano earned a lifetime score of 96% on LCV’s *National Environmental Scorecard*.

IN HER OWN WORDS:

“Low-income communities and communities of color bear a disproportionate burden of the hazards created by air and water pollution, lack of access to open space, and extreme weather. The 7th District needs leadership in Washington that will not only resist efforts to undermine existing environmental protections, but who will work proactively to address environmental challenges, prepare for the impacts of climate change, and expand access to clean air, clean water, and green space.”

Ayanna Pressley for Congress

MAX ROSE (D-NY-11)



Max Rose is U.S. Army veteran dedicated to working to combat climate change in New York.

IN HIS OWN WORDS:

“*Staten Island has been the victim of polluters and climate change throughout its modern history. My district has unusually high rates of asthma, breast cancer, and autism and it is impossible not to acknowledge environmental factors as a cause. To anyone who denies the reality of climate change, I ask them to come and tour the East Shore of Staten Island where evidence of Hurricane Sandy’s destruction still stands.*”

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Rose is a former combat veteran who served in Afghanistan and was awarded a Bronze Star, a Purple Heart, and the Combat Infantry Badge, and currently serves in the National Guard. He has also served as the Director of Public Engagement and Special Assistant to the late Brooklyn District Attorney, Ken Thompson. Most recently, Rose served as the Chief of Staff for Brightpoint Health, a healthcare organization that empowers communities in New York.

As a representative, he will advocate to rejoin the Paris Climate Agreement and work to fight against climate change.

Rose joins the U.S. House after defeating Representative Dan Donovan, who earned a lifetime score of 17% on LCV’s *National Environmental Scorecard*.

HARLEY ROUDA (D-CA-48)



Harley Rouda is committed to clean energy and public lands.

Rouda is an attorney and entrepreneur who grew his family's real estate business into one of the largest firms in the country. Previously he worked with an app that helped its users to resell unused items and reduce landfill. He also worked with a company that created portable water filters. He has been outspoken in his criticism against the Trump Administration's denials of climate change.

As a representative, Rouda is committed to opposing offshore drilling and to promoting clean energy technology.

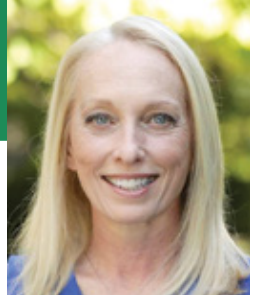
Rouda joins the U.S. House after defeating Representative Dana Rohrabacher, who was named to LCV's *House Dirty Dozen* and earned a 10% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard*.

IN HIS OWN WORDS:

“The 48th Congressional District is one of the most remarkable places to live in the world. However, as Republican leaders in Washington continue to deny the threat of man-made climate change, the pristine natural beauty which makes our home district so special is under attack. I will work to protect California's most precious asset, our beautiful coastlines, from offshore drilling. We need to focus on consistently choosing clean energy over the fossil fuels of the past.

Rouda for Congress

MARY GAY SCANLON (D-PA-05)



Mary Gay Scanlon is dedicated to building a sustainable future.

Scanlon previously served as a judicial clerk for the Superior Court of Pennsylvania and as a co-chair of the Philadelphia Bar Association's Commission on Children at Risk. From 2007 to 2015 she served on the Wallingford Swarthmore School Board, where she worked on school sustainability efforts.

As a representative, Scanlon will focus on making the U.S. a leader in climate action, protecting the air we breathe and the water we drink, eliminating subsidies for Big Oil, and building a clean energy economy. She will also advocate for rejoining the Paris Climate Agreement.

Scanlon joins the U.S. House to represent the newly-drawn 5th district.

IN HER OWN WORDS:

“Our greatest obligation is to leave the world better for our children, and the generations that follow. No child deserves to live in a world without breathable air, drinkable water, and green spaces to play in. We need to move forward, not back — and that starts by making a commitment to address the issues plaguing our environment; issues that have been ignored for far too long.”

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KIM SCHRIER (D-WA-08)



Dr. Kim Schrier is committed to protecting access to public lands in Washington, where she has been a doctor for the past sixteen years.

As a pediatrician, Schrier understands how crucial clean air and water are for the health of children, families and her community. She was an outspoken critic of the first Trumpcare bill, and in 2013, was voted Best Pediatrician by parents in the greater Seattle area.

As a Representative, Schrier will champion policies to help grow a clean energy economy and work to protect clean air, clean water, and public lands. She is committed to ending fossil fuel subsidies and focusing resources on communities most affected by climate change.

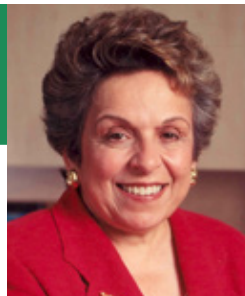
Schrier joins the U.S House to fill the seat of retiring Representative Dave Reichert, who earned a 36% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard*.

IN HER OWN WORDS:

“Combating climate change is the greatest issue of our time. In Congress I will...protect our environment and create a better world for my patients and children like them across the country. This includes ensuring they have clean air to breathe, clean water to drink, and full access to our treasured public lands.”

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DONNA SHALALA (D-FL-27)



Donna Shalala has a proven track record of advocating for public health and environmental protections in Florida.

IN HER OWN WORDS:

“Climate change and sea level rise are two of the biggest planetary challenges we face, especially in South Florida, where our coastlines and natural treasures like the Everglades face environmental crises like never before.”

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Shalala served as the assistant secretary for policy development and research at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) during the Carter administration and went on to serve as U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) in the Clinton administration. She has served as the President of Hunter College of the City University of New York, the Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and the President of the University of Miami. Shalala is one of the founders of EMILY's List and received the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor, from President George W. Bush in 2008.

In Congress, she will focus on strengthening environmental policies to protect public health and addressing climate change and sea level rise. She will advocate for rejoining the Paris Climate Agreement and for investing in clean energy infrastructure.

Shalala joins the U.S. House to fill the seat of retiring Representative Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, who earned a 33% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard*.

MIKIE SHERRILL (D-NJ-11)



Mikie Sherrill is committed to policies that will keep families safe and healthy.

Sherrill is a U.S. Navy veteran who spent nearly ten years on active duty. As a Sea King Helicopter pilot, she flew missions in the Middle East and Europe. She later became an attorney who joined the U.S. Attorney's Office as an Outreach and Reentry Coordinator and an Assistant U.S. Attorney, prosecuting federal cases and advising law enforcement. She has been an outspoken critic of the Trump Administration's rollbacks of environmental protections that threaten clean air, clear water, and public lands.

In Congress, Sherrill will prioritize growing New Jersey's clean energy economy and advocate for policies to address climate change and protect clean air and water for New Jersey families. She will oppose offshore drilling and fight to build a clean energy economy.

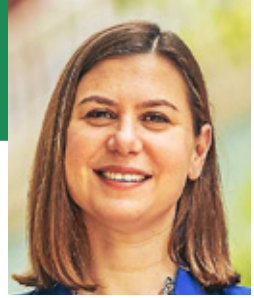
Sherrill joins the U.S. House to fill the seat of retiring Representative Rodney Frelinghuysen, who earned a 31% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard*.

IN HER OWN WORDS:

“ Our community deserves to know that they have a leader in Congress focused on protecting our environment and growing our clean energy economy. New Jersey has produced some of the greatest scientists and innovative technologies in our history, and we can continue that legacy by focusing on investments in clean energy technology.

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ELISSA SLOTKIN (D-MI-08)



Elissa Slotkin, a third-generation Michigander who has spent her career in national service, is a proven advocate for clean air and water.

In response to 9/11, Slotkin joined the Central Intelligence Agency, serving three tours as a Middle East analyst in Baghdad. She served under both Republican and Democratic administrations at the White House, in both the Office of the Director for National Intelligence and as a senior leader at the Pentagon. Slotkin led the development of the first Arctic strategy for the Department of Defense and helped to administer the first survey of how climate change is impacting U.S. military bases.

As a representative, Slotkin will be a champion for protecting clean water in Michigan, investing in a clean energy economy and opposing drilling in the Great Lakes. She will be a leader in fighting climate change and continue advocating for the safety of her community.

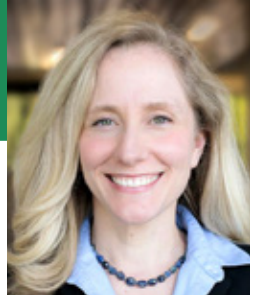
Slotkin joins the U.S. House after defeating Representative Mike Bishop, who earned a 5% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard*.

IN HER OWN WORDS:

“ I have spent my career in national security, and my view is that a threat to our environment is a threat to our security. Whether it's protecting our Great Lakes and the businesses that depend on them, or ensuring access to clean air and drinking water, in Michigan we not only cherish our environment, but we depend on it to keep our families healthy, and our economy strong.

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ABIGAIL SPANBERGER (D-VA-07)



Abigail Spanberger is an advocate for clean energy and environmental protection.

Spanberger began her career as a federal law enforcement officer with the U.S. Postal Inspection Service and later joined the CIA as an Operations Officer. In 2014, she left the CIA and moved back to Virginia where she worked to help colleges and universities create diverse student bodies, increase graduation rates, and break down financial barriers to higher education.

As a representative, Spanberger will stand up to attacks against science and be a strong voice for climate action in Congress, as well as advocate for growing a clean energy economy and protecting clean air, clean water, and public lands.

Spanberger joins the U.S. House after defeating Representative Dave Brat, who earned a 1% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard*.

IN HER OWN WORDS:

“Climate change presents an ever-growing threat to our economy, our national security, and our way of life, and we’re long past due for a representative who not only acknowledges this fact but is committed to addressing it. I will be that representative.”

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GREG STANTON (D-AZ-09)



Greg Stanton is a dedicated public servant and proven leader on environmental issues.

As mayor of Phoenix, he passed a climate action plan that will enable the city to become carbon-neutral, by 2050. He also undertook a range of environmentally-friendly initiatives, like changing more than 10,000 city streetlights to LEDs and expanding Phoenix's solar energy capacity. Last year, when the Trump Administration announced that it would withdraw the United States from the Paris Climate Agreement, Stanton was one of the first mayors in the country to announce that his city would remain committed to achieving the agreement's goals, in order to reduce greenhouse-gas emissions.

In Congress, Stanton will continue to fight for the clean energy economy and support renewable energy sources. He also hopes to promote wind energy resources to boost renewable energy production and to create jobs.

Stanton joins the U.S. House to fill the seat of Representative Kyrsten Sinema, who earned a 78% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard* and ran to represent Arizona in the U.S. Senate.

IN HIS OWN WORDS:

“As Mayor of Phoenix, I've worked to build a sustainable economy by incentivizing green jobs, defending our environment, and supporting a clean energy future.”

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HALEY STEVENS (D-MI-11)



Haley Stevens is a strong supporter of clean air and safe drinking water for all.

Stevens has dedicated her career to saving and growing jobs in Michigan. During the Great Recession, Haley served in the U.S. Treasury Department as the Chief of Staff for the Auto Task Force, the team responsible for returning the auto industry to financial stability and saving 211,000 jobs in Michigan. During her tenure, she worked on behalf of policies that helped to reduce carbon emissions and to support clean energy. Most recently, she led a national workforce development program and created the country's first online training course for digital manufacturing. Earlier in her career, Haley played a key role in setting up two federal offices critical in creating new Michigan jobs: The Office of Recovery for Automotive Communities and Workers, and the White House Office for Manufacturing Policy.

As a representative, Stevens will focus on protecting Michigan's clean air, water and lands, and work to grow the clean energy economy. She will be an advocate for the EPA and fight for policies that help to address climate change.

Stevens joins the U.S. House to fill the seat of retiring Representative David Trott, who earned a 4% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard*.

IN HER OWN WORDS:

“As Chief of Staff on the Auto Rescue, I saw firsthand how we can save Michigan jobs while protecting our environment. I believe we can continue to create good-paying jobs right here in America while growing our clean energy economy.”

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RASHIDA TLAIB (D-MI-13)



Rashida Tlaib is a proven and passionate advocate for clean air and clean water for all, and served three terms as the state representative for one of Michigan's most polluted zipcodes.

As a representative in the Michigan House, Tlaib fought against pollution in Detroit by opposing corporate polluters. She successfully advocated against the Koch Brothers for the removal of petcoke from Detroit's riverfront and has held trucking companies accountable for air pollution in neighborhood streets. She was the first Muslim American woman to serve in the Michigan Legislature.

In Congress, she will continue to advocate for her community and for environmental justice, by holding polluters accountable and fighting against the Trump Administration's cuts to EPA funding. She is one of the first Muslim women to serve in Congress.

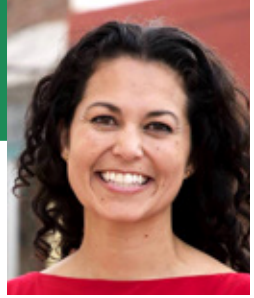
Tlaib joins the U.S. House to fill the seat vacated by Representative John Conyers, who resigned from the House in December 2017. Conyers earned an 82% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard*.

IN HER OWN WORDS:

“ I have always fought for my community's right to clean air and water. Residents should have the right to live their daily lives without risking their health. I will continue to fight for a better quality of life for my community once in office.

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XOCHITL TORRES SMALL (D-NM-02)



Xochitl Torres Small is an attorney who is committed to environmental justice in New Mexico, where she was raised.

Torres Small worked as a field representative in Senator Tom Udall's southern New Mexico regional office and helped to organize New Mexico's first statewide water conference to plan for future water needs. She later clerked for a federal judge and most recently, joined the law firm of Kemp Smith where she specialized in water rights issues.

As a representative, Torres Small will prioritize water conservation and efforts to combat climate change. She will also be a champion for a clean energy economy.

Torres Small joins the U.S. House to fill the seat of retiring Representative Steve Pearce, who earned an 4% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard*.

IN HER OWN WORDS:

“*In New Mexico, our shared lands are part of what makes this place home and defines who we are. In Congress, I will continue to fight to protect our public lands and our way of life.*”

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LORI TRAHAN (D-MA-03)



Lori Trahan is a dedicated public servant and business leader who believes clean air and clean water are fundamental human rights.

IN HER OWN WORDS:

“ We have a responsibility to protect the planet our children will inherit. I will hold those who sully the environment and pollute the biosphere responsible for their actions, and fight to preserve our greatest natural resource.

Trahan for Congress

Born and raised in Lowell, Massachusetts, Trahan is a graduate of Georgetown University and Harvard Business School who has extensive experience in both the public and private sectors, which has given her a clear-eyed understanding of the severity of the challenges we face. Trahan was a senior executive at ChoiceStream, a marketing and advertising agency, before becoming CEO of the Concire Institute, a leadership development organization. Before that, she served as the Deputy Treasurer of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and Chief of Staff to former U.S. Representative Marty Meehan.

As a representative, Trahan will push to expand access to cost-saving renewable energy for low-income households, defend clean air and clean water protections, and support the United States resuming its role as a climate leader. She will work towards comprehensive climate change policies that do not leave any demographic—including communities of color who are disproportionately saddled with high levels of pollution and former mining communities—behind.

Trahan joins the U.S. House to fill the seat of retiring Representative Niki Tsongas, who earned a lifetime score of 95% on LCV’s *National Environmental Scorecard*.

DAVID TRONE (D-MD-06)



David Trone is a champion of environmental issues in Maryland, where he is a lifelong resident.

Trone believes that protecting our environment is crucial for the future of the United States. He has been an outspoken opponent of the Trump Administration's decision to withdraw from the Paris Agreement and a strong advocate of environmental preservation. Previously, he served as the president of Total Wine & More, a retail chain that he co-founded with his brother.

In Congress, Trone will be a leader for climate action by prioritizing initiatives like reinstating the Clean Power Plan and championing funding for the EPA. He will also work to make federal buildings energy efficient, to keep standards for fuel efficiency in place, and to increase accessibility to renewable energy sources.

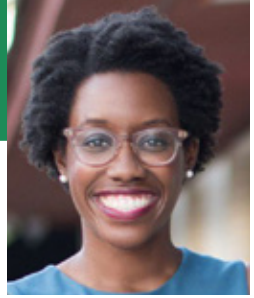
Trone joins the U.S. House to fill the seat of retiring Representative John Delaney, who received a 94% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard*.

IN HIS OWN WORDS:

“*The Chesapeake Bay is a vital natural resource not only to Marylanders but to all Americans and the federal government must play a role in its preservation. Protecting our environment is crucial. Climate change is real and it's a serious threat to our economy and our way of life.*”

David Trone for Congress

LAUREN UNDERWOOD (D-IL-14)



Lauren Underwood is an environmental champion who has dedicated her career to protecting the health and wellbeing of communities most vulnerable to climate change.

Underwood is a registered nurse who was appointed by President Obama to serve as a Senior Advisor in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). She helped communities across the country prevent, prepare for, and respond to disasters, bioterror threats and public health emergencies, and helped implement the Affordable Care Act. More recently, she worked with a Medicaid plan in Chicago and as an instructor for nurse practitioners through Georgetown University's online master's program.

As a representative, Underwood will advocate for the expansion of clean energy projects and the growth of Illinois' clean energy economy. She will fight for a fully funded EPA and support the enforcement of standards associated with the Clear Air and Clean Water Acts.

Underwood joins the U.S. House after defeating Representative Randy Hultgren, who earned a lifetime score of 5% on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard*.

IN HER OWN WORDS:

“Given the current trajectory, climate change presents both an existential threat to life on earth and also one of our most pressing national security issues. The impact of climate refugees, fights for basic resources like food and water caused by these events, and increased numbers of public health emergencies and disasters, will pose real, destabilizing challenges—and we have a responsibility to act in an effort to curb these threats.

Lauren Underwood for
Congress

JENNIFER WEXTON (D-VA-10)



Jennifer Wexton has a proven record of promoting commonsense clean energy legislation and holding polluters accountable in Virginia.

Wexton was elected to the Virginia Senate in 2014, where she was an environmental champion, sponsoring a strong community solar bill and has consistently voting in favor of clean energy and energy efficiency initiatives and to protect Virginia's land and waters. Previously, she served as an Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney for Loudoun County and has served as a member of the Loudoun Community Services Board. She has received the "Environmental Freedom" Award from Sierra Club Virginia and the "Legislative Hero" Award from Virginia LCV.

In Congress, Wexton will continue to advocate for clean water, clean air, and public lands. She will work to combat climate change, oppose drilling off of the Virginia Coast, and support the Paris Climate Agreement.

Wexton joins the U.S. House after defeating Representative Barbara Comstock, who was named to LCV's *House Dirty Dozen* and earned a 5% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard*.

IN HER OWN WORDS:

“Fighting to protect our environment has been a priority for me in the State Senate... With Donald Trump in the White House and Scott Pruitt as the head of the EPA, it's more important than ever to elect members of Congress who will protect our planet for this and future generations.”

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SUSAN WILD (D-PA-07)



Susan Wild is a passionate advocate for environmental protection in Pennsylvania, where she is a respected community leader.

Wild previously served as the first female Solicitor for the City of Allentown and has served on the boards of directors for numerous civic organizations including the Second Harvest Food Bank and the Program for Women & Families. She was recognized, in 2017, by Governor Tom Wolf, for her contributions to the state of Pennsylvania, and for her leadership. She is an outspoken critic of the Trump Administration's attacks on climate change and rollbacks of environmental protections.

As a representative, Wild will advocate for the United States to rejoin the Paris Climate Agreement and fight to protect our public lands and national monuments. She will work to promote renewable energy technology and vote to oppose fracking on public lands.

Wild joins the U.S. House to represent the newly-drawn 7th district.

IN HER OWN WORDS:

“Protection of the environment has always been a passion for me. I believe that economic growth can be completely compatible with clean water and air. We have a unique opportunity to bring sustainable, good-paying jobs to the Lehigh Valley. What our community needs right now is a bipartisan advocate in Washington who can see beyond the rhetoric of our current administration to the economic and quality of life benefits that accompany good environmental practices.”

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CAROLYN BORDEAUX (D-GA-07)



Carolyn Bourdeaux will be a strong ally in the fight against climate change in Congress and is committed to protecting clean air and clean water in Georgia.

Bordeaux, who holds a Master's in Public Administration from the University of Southern California and a PhD in public administration from Syracuse University, previously worked as a professor at Georgia State University's Andrew Young School of Public Policy in 2003. Later, she served as the Director of Georgia's Senate Budget and Evaluation Office. She also founded the Center for State and Local Finance.

As a representative, she will focus on investments in clean energy technology and next generation infrastructure, will advocate for the United States to rejoin the Paris Climate Agreement and continue to be a leader fighting against climate change.

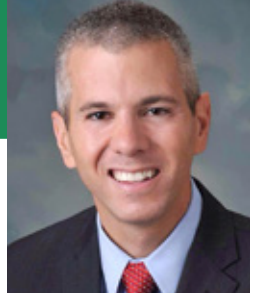
Bordeaux joins the U.S. House after defeating Representative Rob Woodall, who earned a lifetime score of 4% on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard*.

IN HER OWN WORDS:

“ I am deeply concerned about climate change, clean air, and clean water... We must leave a healthy environment for our kids, their kids and future generations.

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ANTHONY BRINDISI (D-NY-22)



Anthony Brindisi has a proven record of protecting clean air and water in New York, where he was born and raised.

Brindisi was first elected to the New York State Assembly in 2011 and has been a strong advocate for the environment in Albany. He sponsored legislation banning toxic chemicals in upholstered furniture and has been a supporter of clean energy and clean water legislation, including a major investment in drinking water infrastructure. He also served on the Utica School Board, where he led a major school modernization project.

As a representative, Brindisi will continue to fight for clean air and water and work to bring renewable energy jobs to his district. He will be a leader in addressing climate change.

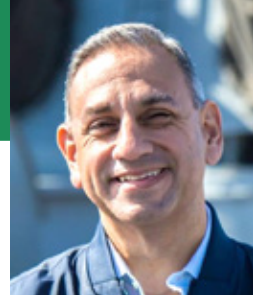
Brindisi joins the U.S. House after defeating Representative Claudia Tenney, who earned an 6% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard*.

IN HIS OWN WORDS:

“To me, protecting the environment means protecting people's livelihoods, health, and future. In Upstate New York, sustainability and clean natural resources are essential to continue our long tradition of agriculture. In the Assembly, I took bold steps to push for more alternative energy and protect New York's air and water.

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GIL CISNEROS (D-CA-39)



Gil Cisneros is an advocate for communities and the environment in California, where he serves as Secretary of the Latino Donor Collaborative.

Cisneros is a veteran of the U.S. Navy, where he served as an officer and was awarded the Navy Commendation Medal, the Navy Achievement Medal, the National Defense Medal, and the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal. He is an advocate for education who co-founded a foundation that is committed to public schools and providing access to college education for veterans and served on the advisory board for Michelle Obama's Reach Higher Initiative. He is an outspoken critic against the Trump Administration's decision to withdraw the United States from the Paris Climate Agreement.

As a representative, Cisneros will work to combat climate change and advocate for clean energy. He will fight to rejoin the Paris Climate Agreement and to reduce carbon emissions. He will also be a champion for public lands.

Cisneros joins the U.S. House to fill the seat of retiring Representative Ed Royce, who earned a 11% lifetime score on LCVAF's *National Environmental Scorecard*.

IN HIS OWN WORDS:

“ We have made great progress in fighting climate change, but that progress is under attack by the President and his administration. In Congress, I will protect California's coastline from offshore drilling and will hold the Trump administration accountable when it tries to undermine environmental and public land protections. We must work to preserve and protect a clean future for our children and grandchildren.

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JARED GOLDEN (D-ME-02)



Jared Golden has a proven record of standing up for clean air and water and environmental protection.

IN HIS OWN WORDS:

“For generations, Maine’s clean air, water, forests, wildlife, and abundant natural resources have been essential to our economy and our way of life. Global climate change is real, and policy-makers need to start listening to experts in the fields of science. I believe we have a duty to all Mainers to prevent the economic and environmental devastation that climate change will bring to our state.”

Jared Golden for Congress

Golden is a veteran of the United States Marine Corps who has served combat tours in Iraq and Afghanistan. He was elected to the Maine House of Representatives in 2014, and rose to the position of Assistant Majority Leader. Golden has been a strong environmental ally in the Maine House of Representatives, sponsoring legislation to incentivize homeowners and landlords to address issues of lead pollution and earning perfect scores on the Maine Conservation Voters’ Scorecard in both 2015 and 2016.

As a representative, Golden he will prioritize fighting climate change, fully funding the EPA, and rejoining the Paris Climate Agreement. He will advocate for creating jobs in clean energy and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Golden joins the U.S. House after defeating Representative Bruce Poliquin, who earned a 17% lifetime score on LCV’s *National Environmental Scorecard*.

BEN MCADAMS (D-UT-04)



Ben McAdams is committed to clean air and clean water in Utah, where he served both in the State Senate and as the twice-elected mayor of Salt Lake County.

As mayor of Salt Lake County, McAdams worked with stakeholders to protect drinking water quality, supported the construction of energy efficient buildings, and worked on infrastructure and public transit plans designed to reduce carbon pollution. He has been strongly supportive of Utah's multi-billion dollar outdoor economy and was instrumental in the development of the Mountain Accord, which brought together many different parties to manage the future of the Wasatch Mountain Range.

As a representative, McAdams will defend Utah's treasured public lands, advocate for clean air and water protections, and support solutions to address climate change. He will fight to expand renewable energy resources and support new technologies.

McAdams joins the U.S. House after defeating Representative Mia Love, who earned a lifetime score of 2% on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard*.

IN HIS OWN WORDS:

“Utahns value the beauty and open spaces of our state. They also know that we cannot take our environment for granted and that we have to work in a bipartisan fashion to ensure that what we enjoy now is available to future generations.”

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NATE MCMURRAY (D-NY-27)



Nate McMurray is a champion for clean water and public lands.

McMurray is an attorney and an expert on Asian business and cultural affairs. He was elected to serve as Grand Island Town Supervisor in 2016 and previously served as the Vice President of Development for Delaware North, a Buffalo hospitality company.

As a representative, McMurray will fight to protect clean air, clean water and the Great Lakes, and will advocate for transitioning to a green energy economy.

McMurray joins the U.S. House after defeating Representative Chris Collins, who earned a lifetime score of 3% on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard*.



IN HIS OWN WORDS:

“As Town Supervisor of Grand Island, I have made it a point to be a leader on issues concerning our environment. I know that protecting and honoring our environment are some of the most critical issues of our time.”

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GINA ORTIZ JONES (D-TX-23)



Gina Ortiz Jones is an advocate for clean air, clean water, and public lands.

Ortiz Jones is a veteran of the Air Force, where she served as an intelligence officer. She was deployed to Iraq, where she served in active duty for three years. She later worked as an intelligence analyst for U.S. Africa Command in Germany and then the Defense Intelligence Agency, specializing in Latin America. As a national security professional, Ortiz Jones gained first-hand knowledge of the national security challenges caused and exacerbated by climate change. She is the first Filipina-American woman to serve in Congress.

As a Representative, Ortiz Jones will champion policies to reduce carbon pollution and improve air and water quality for all in Congress. She will be an advocate for ensuring access to public lands like Big Bend and will fight to address climate change.

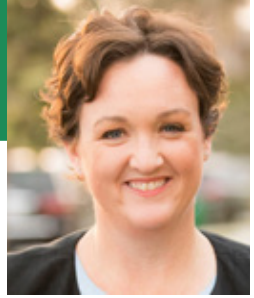
Ortiz Jones joins the U.S. House after defeating Representative Will Hurd, who earned a lifetime score of 2% on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard*.

IN HER OWN WORDS:

“From advocating for clean air for our children to breathe, to ensuring public lands such as Big Bend stay protected, I will champion sound environmental policies.”

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KATIE PORTER (D-CA-45)



Katie Porter has a track record of holding powerful corporations accountable and is a leader for environmental protection for California.

In her work as a consumer protection attorney, Porter stood up to Wall Street banks to protect consumers. She advocated against abusive credit card fees and, in 2012, was appointed by then California Attorney General Kamala Harris to serve as the state's independent monitor of banks in a nationwide \$25 billion mortgage settlement. Previously, she taught at the University of California-Irvine's law school.

As a representative, Porter will champion clean air, clean water, and oppose offshore drilling. She will be a leader in investing in clean energy.

Porter joins the U.S. House after defeating Representative Mimi Walters, who earned a 4% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard*.

IN HER OWN WORDS:

“Our community values the environment and deserves a champion for our air, water, and beaches, not another vote for big oil.”

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