



# 2024 | NEW MEMBER GUIDE



## OVERVIEW

The League of Conservation Voters (LCV) 2024 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 environmental justice and the health of our communities, defending our democracy, and protecting our air, water, land and ecosystems. We are thrilled to have helped elect so many environmental champions to the U.S. House and Senate. It is worth noting that there are other pro-environment and pro-democracy 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 2024 election cycle, LCV Action Fund endorsed in 27 U.S. Senate races and 193 U.S. House races—40% of our endorsed candidates this cycle are candidates of color, 49% are women and 5% are LGBTQ+. LCV Action Fund is committed to ensuring that Congress continues to even better reflect the diversity of our country and includes many 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](https://lcv.org/endorsements).

The 2024 New Member Guide includes at least 6 new members of the U.S. Senate and 31 new members of the U.S. House. LCV is committed to continue working with both new and returning members of Congress to protect our environment, public health, and democracy.

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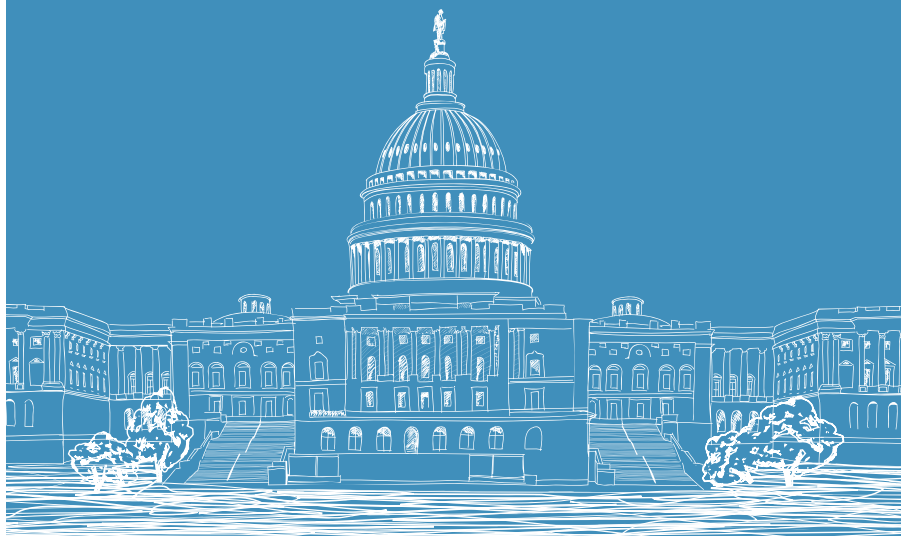
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# U.S. SENATE



## ANGELA ALSOBROOKS (D-MD)

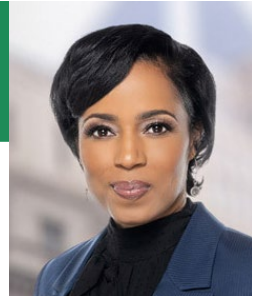


Angela Alsobrooks is a lifelong Marylander and public servant who has taken action to address the climate crisis as Prince George's County executive.

After earning her law degree from the University of Maryland School of Law, Alsobrooks worked as a law clerk in both the Howard County and Baltimore City Circuit Courts. She then served as an assistant state's attorney, becoming the first in this position to handle domestic violence cases full-time in Prince George's County. Later, she was the youngest and first woman to be elected as Prince George's County state's attorney, where she established the first unit to investigate and prosecute police misconduct. In 2018, Alsobrooks became the first woman elected as Prince George's County executive and the first Black woman in Maryland elected to be a county executive. As executive, she issued an Executive Order setting ambitious climate emissions targets, invested in electric vehicles and sustainable building design, and implemented a county-wide composting program.

As a senator, Alsobrooks will work to expand clean energy tax credits, make the biggest fossil fuel polluters pay their fair share in mitigating climate change impacts, and fight to protect the Chesapeake Bay. Alsobrooks is the first Black person to represent Maryland in the U.S. Senate.

Alsobrooks joins the U.S. Senate to fill the seat of retiring Senator Ben Cardin, who earned a 93% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard*.



### IN HER OWN WORDS:

“ I view protecting our climate as a critical issue facing Congress today, and as a mother, I do not believe we can leave action to our children. It's communities like Prince George's where climate change from extreme weather, to polluted air and water, to the economic costs of an unstable globe hurt the most.

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## LISA BLUNT ROCHESTER (D-DE)



Lisa Blunt Rochester has been a strong advocate for public health, coastal economies, and climate and environmental justice as the U.S. representative for Delaware's at-large district.

After earning her master's degree in urban affairs and public policy from the University of Delaware, Blunt Rochester worked in U.S. Senator Tom Carper's congressional office before serving in the cabinets of two Delaware governors, including as the state's secretary of labor. In 2016, she was elected to represent Delaware's at-large district, becoming the first woman and the first Black person to represent Delaware in Congress. In Congress, she has led efforts to protect clean air and water in Delaware and safeguard coastal communities, including introducing and working to pass the Strengthening Coastal Communities Act. She served as a key advisor on environmental justice issues to President Biden's 2020 campaign and was instrumental in passing the historic Inflation Reduction Act.

As a senator, Blunt Rochester will continue to fight for clean air and water, environmental justice, and the right to vote. As a representative, she earned a 97% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard*. Blunt Rochester is the first Black person to represent Delaware in the U.S. Senate.

Blunt Rochester joins the U.S. Senate to fill the seat of retiring Senator Tom Carper, longtime chair of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee who earned a perfect 100% in 2023 and an 86% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard*.



### IN HER OWN WORDS:

“The climate crisis was one of the reasons I ran for Congress. I always have and will continue to prioritize and advocate for innovative and creative solutions to the climate crisis; solutions that are centered in fairness and equity; solutions that are guided by science; and solutions that will meet the moment that we are in.

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## RUBEN GALLEG0 (D-AZ)



Ruben Gallego is a veteran and longtime public servant who has been a champion for public lands as the U.S. representative of Arizona's 3rd Congressional District.

### IN HIS OWN WORDS:

“ This unprecedented summer in Arizona—the hottest on record with dangerous stretches of extreme heat—made clear why we need bold leaders in the Senate who are willing to address climate change head-on.

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After graduating from Harvard University with a bachelor's in international affairs, Gallego enlisted and served in the United States Marine Corps. After returning from serving in Iraq, he dedicated his life to public service and has tirelessly fought for hard-working Arizonians. Gallego was first elected to the Arizona state House of Representatives in 2010, and in 2014 he was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives for Arizona's 3rd Congressional District. Since joining Congress, Gallego has vigorously defended the environment. Gallego helped pass the Inflation Reduction Act, the largest ever investment in climate action, stood up against the fossil fuel industry's exploitation of the Grand Canyon, and has fought to address environmental injustice.

As a senator, Gallego will keep fighting for healthy, safe, and equitable communities for all people, combating the climate crisis, and advocating for clean energy union jobs. As a representative, he earned a 97% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard*.

Gallego joins the U.S. Senate after defeating Kari Lake, who landed herself on LCV Victory Fund's 2024 Dirty Dozen. He fills the seat of retiring Senator Kyrsten Sinema, who earned a 79% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard*.



## ANDY KIM (D-NJ)



Andy Kim has been a longtime public servant and champion for climate action and clean energy jobs as the U.S. representative of New Jersey's 3rd Congressional District.

Born and raised in South Jersey, Kim went on to graduate with a political science degree from the University of Chicago. He then became a Rhodes Scholar and Truman Scholar, receiving a master's and doctorate in international relations from Oxford University. Kim worked for the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, the Africa Bureau at USAID, and served for two years as the director for Iraq on President Obama's National Security Council. In 2018, he was elected to represent New Jersey's 3rd District, where he has been outspoken about the national security impacts of the climate crisis and focused on building resilient infrastructure after Superstorm Sandy devastated his district. He also worked hard to ensure the historic Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) passed with strong climate and clean energy investments.

As a senator, Kim will continue his work to tackle the climate crisis, increase community resilience to extreme weather, and ensure New Jersey communities benefit from the historic climate, clean energy, and jobs investments he passed in the IRA. As a representative, he earned a 99% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard*. Kim is the first Asian American to represent New Jersey in the Senate.

Kim joins the U.S. Senate to fill the seat of Senator Bob Menendez, who resigned and earned a 96% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard*.



### IN HIS OWN WORDS:

“One of the most important legacies we can give to our kids, grandkids, and generations to come is a safe and thriving planet. That means we need to take bold steps today to protect our environment, cut pollution, and make our communities more resilient to extreme weather, and protect our planet for our kids and future generations.”

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Andy Kim for New Jersey



## ADAM SCHIFF (D-CA)



Adam Schiff has a proven track record of advancing climate solutions and being a dedicated champion for an equitable democracy as the U.S. representative for California's 27th Congressional District.

### IN HIS OWN WORDS:

“It’s time to create a new, green economy with millions of good-paying green jobs across California and the nation, so we can bring down energy costs, lower emissions and invest in our future.”

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Adam Schiff for Senate

Schiff was raised in California and earned a bachelor’s in political science from Stanford University and a J.D. from Harvard Law School. After law school, Schiff worked as a federal prosecutor in the office of the United States Attorney. In 1996, Schiff was elected to the California state Senate, representing the 21st District. Schiff was then elected to Congress in 2000, representing the 27th Congressional District. During his time in the House, Schiff helped pass the Inflation Reduction Act, has been a leading voice for corporate climate risk disclosure, secured millions of dollars for EV charging stations in Los Angeles, and pushed for the designation of the Sattitla national monument. He has also advocated for court reform and protecting the rule of law, leading legislation to expand the Supreme Court and ensure the sitting president cannot interfere in criminal prosecutions against themselves.

As a senator, Schiff will continue efforts to fight climate change, support renewable energy, combat the wildfire crisis, and protect our democracy. During his two decade-long tenure in the U.S. House, he earned a 98% lifetime score on LCV’s *National Environmental Scorecard*.

Schiff joins the U.S. Senate to fill the seat of Senator Laphonza Butler, who was appointed to fill the remainder of the late Senator Dianne Feinstein’s term and did not run for re-election. Butler earned a 100% score on LCV’s *National Environmental Scorecard* in 2023.

## ELISSA SLOTKIN (D-MI)

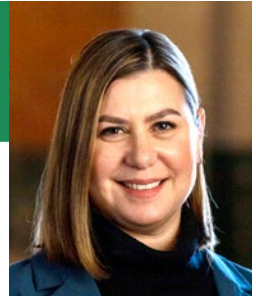


Elissa Slotkin is a former CIA analyst who has been a champion for the Great Lakes and clean water as the U.S. representative for Michigan's 7th Congressional District.

During her three terms in the U.S. House, Slotkin has consistently highlighted the connection between the climate crisis and national security, including co-sponsoring legislation to include climate change as a factor in all national security planning. Prior to serving in Congress, she developed the first Arctic strategy for the Department of Defense and administered the first climate change survey for threats to American military bases. She has been active in working to prevent PFAS pollution and protect clean water, introducing and co-sponsoring legislation to assess and document PFAS, protect servicemembers from PFAS contamination, and ensure Michigan communities have access to safe drinking water.

As a senator, Slotkin will work on addressing PFAS and other clean water issues, fighting climate change as a national security imperative, and advancing environmental justice. As a representative, Slotkin earned a 97% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard*.

Slotkin joins the U.S. Senate after defeating former U.S. Representative Mike Rogers, who earned an 8% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard*. She fills the seat of retiring Senator Debbie Stabenow, who earned a 91% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard*.



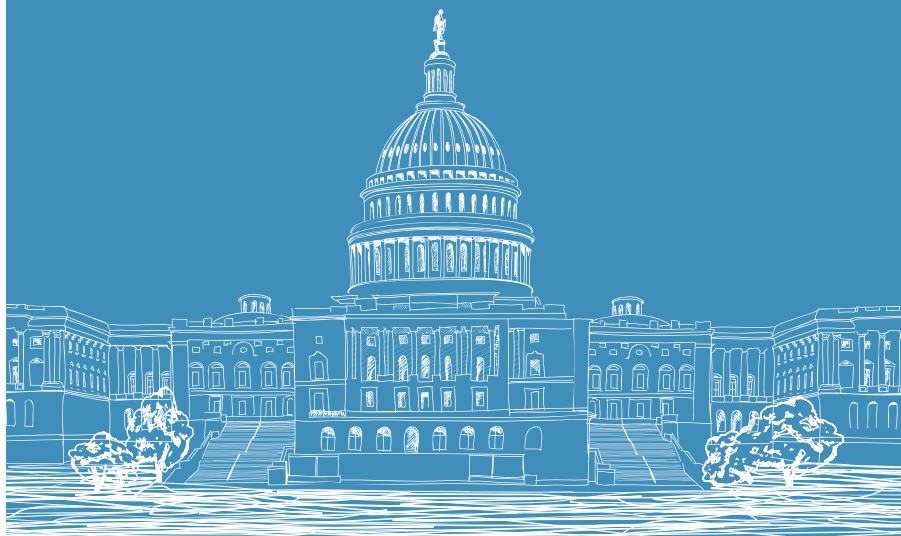
### IN HER OWN WORDS:

“When I’m talking to people across my district, protecting our environment and protecting our democracy are two of the issues I hear about most—so I prioritize them accordingly. And as a national security professional, I think about both as issues of national security. If we can’t safely hand our kids a glass of water from the tap because of lead pipes or PFAS contamination, that is a threat to Michigan family’s safety and security.”

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# U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



## WESLEY BELL (D-MO-01)



Wesley Bell is a prosecutor who understands the importance of environmental justice and finding bold solutions to climate change.

### IN HIS OWN WORDS:

“Climate change is a crisis, and we need to be doing more to address it. Everyone should live in a clean and healthy environment regardless of their race, income, or ZIP code.”

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Wesley Bell for Congress

Born and raised in St. Louis County, Bell is the son of a police officer and county civil servant. Bell holds a bachelor's degree from Lindenwood University and later earned a J.D. from the University of Missouri. After law school, he became a public defender and later worked as a criminology professor at Florissant Valley Community College. He then served as municipal court judge in Velda City and municipal prosecutor in Riverview. In 2015, following the protests after the fatal shooting of Michael Brown by the police, Bell was elected to the Ferguson City Council. In 2018, he defeated the incumbent prosecutor to become the first Black person to be elected prosecuting attorney for St. Louis County.

As a representative, Bell will work to fight the climate crisis and ensure all communities have access to clean air and water.

Bell joins the U.S. House after defeating Republican candidate Andrew Jones Jr. in the general election. He fills the seat held by former Representative Cori Bush, who Bell defeated in the Democratic primary and who earned a 100% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard*.

## JANELLE BYNUM (D-OR-05)



Janelle Bynum is a businesswoman who has advocated for clean energy jobs, helped pass clean air laws, and fought against dangerous fossil fuel and pesticide pollution as a member of the Oregon House of Representatives.

### IN HER OWN WORDS:

“When the fires were especially bad several summers ago in Oregon, it meant my daughter, who has asthma, couldn’t breathe if she went outside. As a mother, I envision a different future than that for my children.”

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After receiving her bachelor’s degree in electrical engineering from Florida A&M University and her MBA from University of Michigan, Bynum moved to Happy Valley, Oregon to help run her family’s small business of four McDonald’s franchises. She was elected to the state legislature in 2016 and has worked hard to protect women’s reproductive freedom and eliminate structural barriers for people from marginalized communities to get into public service. She also voted to create clean energy jobs, strengthen air quality protections, ban offshore drilling and fracking, and phase out chlorpyrifos.

As a representative, Bynum will work to pass policies that strengthen U.S. clean manufacturing, create good paying union jobs in clean energy, and protect our environment. She earned an 83% lifetime score on Oregon LCV’s *Environmental Scorecard for the Oregon Legislature*. Bynum is the first Black person to represent Oregon in Congress.

Bynum joins the U.S. House after defeating Representative Lori Chavez-DeRemer, who earned a 31% score on LCV’s *National Environmental Scorecard* in 2023.

## GIL CISNEROS (D-CA-31)



Gil Cisneros is a philanthropist and former member of the U.S. House who has championed clean water, renewable energy, and ecosystem preservation.



### IN HIS OWN WORDS:

“Communities of color and low-income families have long suffered disproportionate and cumulative harm from air pollution, water pollution, and toxic sites. I’m fighting to crack down on gas price-gouging at the gas pump and to combat climate change and end our reliance on polluting fossil fuels by investing in renewable energy sources like wind and solar.”

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Cisneros for Congress

After graduating high school, Cisneros enlisted in the U.S. Navy and earned an ROTC scholarship to study political science at George Washington University. He spent 11 years serving as a supply officer in the Navy before working as a shipping and manufacturing manager for Frito-Lay, and in 2010, he became a philanthropist after winning the lottery. He and his wife have used their philanthropy to advance opportunities for Latino students, establishing multiple scholarship endowments and founding the Gilbert and Jacki Cisneros Foundation to provide mentorship and access to higher education. In 2018, Cisneros was elected to represent California’s 39th District in Congress. As a representative, he quickly led on pro-democracy and pro-environment causes, including co-sponsoring the For the People Act and joining the Sustainable Energy and Environment Coalition.

As a representative, Cisneros will continue to champion clean air, clean water, and environmental conservation. During his previous term in Congress, he earned a 98% lifetime score on LCV’s *National Environmental Scorecard*.

Cisneros rejoins the U.S. House to fill the seat of retiring Representative Grace Napolitano, who earned an 91% lifetime score on LCV’s *National Environmental Scorecard*.

## HERB CONAWAY (D-NJ-03)



Dr. Herb Conaway, Jr, a lifelong New Jerseyan, is a medical doctor, veteran, and legislator who has been representing the 7th Legislative District of New Jersey as an assemblyman for 25 years.

### IN HIS OWN WORDS:

“ I got into this race because, as a former captain in the Air Force, I took an oath to protect our constitution and rule of law. The same constitution that MAGA extremists want to shred to pieces. In Congress, I will stand up to fight for democracy, the rule of law, and our right to vote.

News article in *New Jersey Monitor*

Raised in Burlington County, Dr. Conaway was inspired to serve his community after seeing his parents—a teacher and nurse—do the same. He received his undergraduate degree from Princeton University, and he went on to pursue medical and law degrees: an M.D. from Jefferson Medical College and a J.D. from Rutgers Law School in Camden. He then served four years in the U.S. Air Force as the general medical officer and assistant director of the primary care clinic in the Medical Corps at McGuire Air Force Base. After his service, he continued to practice medicine until he was elected to the New Jersey General Assembly in 1998. He has been a strong advocate for environmental protections and clean drinking water as an assemblyman, leading initiatives to reduce climate pollution, protect clean drinking water, and provide tax credits for zero-emission yard equipment.

As a representative, Dr. Conaway will prioritize protecting our democracy and increasing access to electric vehicles while continuing to champion communities’ rights to clean air, clean water, and a healthy environment.

Dr. Conaway joins the U.S. House to fill the seat of Senator-elect Andy Kim, who was elected to the U.S. Senate and earned a 99% lifetime score on LCV’s *National Environmental Scorecard*.



## MAXINE DEXTER (D-OR-03)



Dr. Maxine Dexter is a physician who understands the connection between pollution and public health. She is also an experienced legislator and strong advocate for our environment and democracy, voting to make Oregon a leader in climate action, clean energy, and voting access as a member of the Oregon House of Representatives for over two decades.

The first in her family to graduate from college, Dr. Dexter earned her medical degree from the University of Washington and moved to Portland to care for Oregon's most vulnerable community members as a pulmonary (lung) and critical care doctor. She was elected to the state legislature in 2020 where she led and helped pass legislation to make buildings more energy-efficient and implement a pioneering Right to Repair law to reduce waste. She also sponsored bills supporting heat protections for low-income communities and outdoor workers, ranked-choice voting, campaign finance reform, and expanding voting rights to non-citizen immigrants and people in custody.

As a representative, Dr. Dexter will work to hold big polluters accountable, champion a rapid transition to 100% clean energy, and advocate for healthy rivers and well-funded water infrastructure. She earned a 93% lifetime score on Oregon LCV's *Environmental Scorecard for the Oregon Legislature*.

Dr. Dexter joins the U.S. House to fill the seat of retiring Representative Earl Blumenauer, who earned a 95% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard*.

### IN HER OWN WORDS:

“As a state lawmaker, I have persistently prioritized climate justice and will continue to do so as the future of my children and all generations to follow are at imminent threat. I ran for office to make sure they know that I care about their future and that of our community and to set an example that each of us must hold ourselves accountable to doing everything we can to make the world more liveable and just.

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## SARAH ELFRETH (D-MD-03)



Sarah Elfreth has been a fierce advocate for our environment, healthy communities, and clean energy during her tenure in the Maryland Senate.

Born and raised in Maryland, Elfreth earned a bachelor's degree from Towson University and a master's degree in public policy from Johns Hopkins University. After her studies, she worked at the National Aquarium in Baltimore, advocating for legislation to ban shark finning and toxic microbeads. In 2018, she became the youngest woman elected to the Maryland Senate, where she has been a consistent environmental champion. She introduced 16 different bills that Maryland LCV considered priority environmental bills, 10 of which were signed into law. Her record includes passing bills to protect communities from harmful forever chemicals (PFAS), conserve Maryland's public lands and waters, and further incentivize solar energy deployment.

As a representative, Elfreth will continue to lead on environmental issues and advocate for legislation that advances climate justice, protects the Chesapeake Bay, and promotes a just, clean energy future. As a state senator, she earned a perfect 100% lifetime score on Maryland LCV's *Environmental Scorecard*.

Elfreth joins the U.S. House to fill the seat of retiring Representative John Sarbanes, who earned a 97% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard*.



### IN HER OWN WORDS:

“The Maryland delegation needs someone who is deeply and personally committed to protecting the Chesapeake Bay and its watershed and making our communities more resilient to climate change—I want to be a champion for those issues on Capitol Hill.”

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## SHOMARI FIGURES (D-AL-02)



Shomari Figures is a dedicated public servant and champion of environmental protections, a strong democracy, and justice for all communities.



Figures earned a J.D. from the University of Alabama and has served across all three branches of government, supporting students and teachers, increasing job and workforce opportunities, and protecting our environment. He worked as a law clerk for Nannette A. Baker in the Eastern District of Missouri and then as a field organizer for President Obama's re-election campaign. During the Obama administration, he helped implement the Affordable Care Act. He then served as the White House liaison to U.S. Attorney General Loretta Lynch, legislative counsel for U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown, and worked for President Joe Biden's transition team. Figures follows in the footsteps of his father, Michael Figures, one of the state's first three Black state senators and a civil rights attorney who sued and bankrupted the Ku Klux Klan in 1981, as well as his mother, Vivian Davis Figures, who has represented Mobile in the Alabama Senate since 1996. Most recently, Figures served as deputy chief of staff and counselor to U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland at the Department of Justice.

As a representative, Figures will advocate for climate action, environmental justice, protecting Alabama's biodiversity, and strengthening voting rights.

Figures joins the U.S. House after defeating Republican candidate Caroleene Dobson in the general election for Alabama's newly-drawn open 2nd Congressional District.

### IN HIS OWN WORDS:

“ I am dedicated to tackling climate change, championing environmental justice, strengthening democracy, promoting racial equity, and creating spaces free from harassment. These priorities underscore my vision for a just, sustainable, and inclusive future for all constituents.

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## LAURA FRIEDMAN (D-CA-30)



Laura Friedman is a longtime public servant and strong environmental advocate who will continue to fight for safe and healthy communities.

After earning her bachelor's degree from the University of Rochester, Friedman worked in the film and television industry before serving seven years on the Glendale City Council and as Glendale mayor from 2011 to 2012. She was then elected to represent the 44th District in the California State Assembly in 2016, where she focused on addressing housing affordability and the homelessness crisis, climate change, and protecting vulnerable communities. Her environmental leadership is extensive, having passed legislation addressing wildlife connectivity infrastructure, protecting animal welfare, phasing out single-use plastics, banning the use of forever chemicals (PFAS) in consumer products, and reducing emissions.

As a representative, Friedman will continue to be a champion for communities' rights to clean air, clean water, and a healthy environment.

Friedman joins the U.S. House to fill the seat of Senator-elect Adam Schiff, who was elected to the U.S. Senate and earned a lifetime score of 98% on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard*.



### IN HER OWN WORDS:

“Climate, pollution, and environmental justice issues are my primary motivations for running for Congress. As the mother of a young child, I worry every day about the world that she is inheriting—how our climate crisis will affect her generation and about whether she will even grow up on a habitable planet.”

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## LAURA GILLEN (D-NY-04)



Laura Gillen is the former supervisor of the Town of Hempstead and has a history of taking on big polluters and protecting New York's beaches.

### IN HER OWN WORDS:

“Climate change is wreaking havoc around the globe and in our local communities. As a Member of Congress, I will continue efforts to preserve and protect our shorelines and our Earth.”

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Gillen was born and raised in Baldwin, New York, and after graduating from Georgetown University, she returned to New York to volunteer with GMHC, an organization that assists people living with HIV/AIDS. She later attended Georgetown Law Center and New York University School of Law. After graduating, she worked as a litigator for Cahill Gordon & Reindel, where she represented victims of domestic violence through the firm's pro bono program. In 2017, she became the first woman and first Democrat in 100 years to be elected as Hempstead town supervisor. She established the first sustainability panel and implemented initiatives to reestablish the town's water testing lab and create living barrier reefs to prevent erosion and protect waterways. She also initiated litigation to hold polluters accountable and recover costs from expanding filtration systems to remove contaminants from the public water supply.

As a representative, Gillen will work to preserve Long Island's shorelines and coastal communities, advance climate action, and protect voting rights.

Gillen joins the U.S. House after defeating Representative Anthony D'Esposito, who landed himself on LCV Victory Fund's 2024 Dirty Dozen and earned a 14% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard* in 2023.

## MAGGIE GOODLANDER (D-NH-02)



Maggie Goodlander has dedicated her life to serving the public and understands the importance of protecting public lands and standing up to Big Oil.

Goodlander comes from a family who has called New Hampshire home for over 100 years. After graduating from Yale University with a degree in history, she began working as a foreign policy staffer in the U.S. Senate. Goodlander went on to serve as an intelligence officer in the United States Navy Reserve, during which she also earned her J.D. from Yale University. After law school, Goodlander worked as a law clerk to Chief Judge Merrick Garland of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit and U.S. Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer. She later returned to New Hampshire where she taught courses at the University of New Hampshire and Dartmouth. In 2020, Goodlander served as counsel to the House Judiciary Committee, during the first impeachment of former President Trump. In 2022 she served as deputy assistant attorney general, fighting corporate monopolies and helping create the Justice Department's first-ever Office of Environmental Justice. In 2024, she briefly worked as a senior advisor to President Joe Biden before deciding to run for Congress.

As a representative, Goodlander will work to advance environmental justice, stand up to Big Oil, and defend our democracy.

Goodlander joins the U.S. House to fill the seat of retiring Representative Annie Kuster, who earned a 95% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard*.



### IN HER OWN WORDS:

“Low-income, tribal, and marginalized communities suffer disproportionate toxic exposures, pollution, and effects of climate change, despite being comparatively small contributors. My legislative agenda will seek to ensure that everyone has access to clean air and water, and has recourse against polluters.”

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## JULIE JOHNSON (D-TX-32)



Julie Johnson is an attorney and public servant who has advocated for the LGBTQ+ community, workers, students, and other vulnerable communities as a member of the Texas House of Representatives.

Johnson was elected to the Texas state House in 2018, where she was a consistent champion for equality and justice. Johnson authored many bills, including legislation to help homeowners receive larger insurance settlements after natural disasters and the Live Well Texas bill to expand Medicaid in the state. She also worked to strengthen Texas' energy grid in the aftermath of Winter Storm Uri. Last legislative session, she helped defeat the majority of anti-LGBTQ+ bills in the Texas House. In 2021, Johnson led opposition to Republican bills that aimed to make it harder for Texans to vote, and she traveled to Washington, D.C., to urge Congress to pass the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act.

As a representative, Johnson will focus on climate-smart agriculture technologies, including incentives for small farmers to implement greener farming practices, and equitable implementation of the affordable clean energy plan. Johnson is one of Dallas County's first two openly gay elected officials and the first openly LGBTQ+ member of Congress from Texas.

Johnson joins the U.S. House to fill the seat of former Representative Colin Allred, who ran for U.S. Senate and earned a 98% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard*.



### IN HER OWN WORDS:

“Climate change is the defining challenge of our time, and I support bold action to address it. We must heavily invest in smarter and equitable water use along with fighting pollution. I look forward to implementing policies that encourage sustainable and climate-resilient agricultural practices to conserve water and protect water supply quality.”

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Julie Johnson for Congress



## TIM KENNEDY (D-NY-26)



Tim Kennedy is an environmental champion with a long history of pushing for bold environmental action in the New York state Senate and in the U.S. House since his special election in 2024.

Kennedy was raised in a working class family in Buffalo, New York, and began his career as an occupational therapist. In 2010, he was elected to the New York state Senate, where he served for 13 years. As chair of the Senate Transportation Committee, he secured \$500 million in funding to purchase electric school buses for his community. He also voted for legislation that puts New York on a nation-leading path to achieve economy-wide net-zero carbon emissions by 2050. In addition, he worked to pass a ban on wildlife killing competitions, helped create a task force dedicated to reducing the application of road salt in the Adirondack Park, and authored multiple other pro-environment bills.

As a representative, Kennedy is working to clean up the Great Lakes, advance a prosperous green energy economy, protect our natural spaces, and stand up against efforts to weaken the Clean Air Act and the EPA. In the New York state Senate, he received a 100% on New York League of Conservation Voters' 2023 *State Environmental Scorecard*.

Kennedy was elected to the U.S. House in a special election in April 2024 to fill the seat of former Representative Brian Higgins, who resigned and earned a 96% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard*.



### IN HIS OWN WORDS:

“As the Member of Congress representing a large portion of Western New York, I will continue that fight, including by pushing for further cleanup of the Great Lakes, one of our most precious resources. We need to truly work to create a decarbonized economy that provides opportunity for everyone, and we must do it while ensuring that the United States continues to be a global economic leader.”

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## GEORGE LATIMER (D-NY-16)



George Latimer is an experienced leader who has centered environmental policies throughout his political career as a member of the New York state Legislature and Westchester County executive.

### IN HIS OWN WORDS:

*“Climate change is an urgent threat with long-term repercussions, which demands immediate and decisive action to safeguard our future.”*

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George Latimer for Congress

Latimer was born and raised in New York. He earned his Bachelor of Arts from Fordham University and later a Master of Public Administration from New York University. He earned his bachelor's in history and theology from Fordham University and later a master's in public administration from New York University. In 1991, Latimer was elected to serve on the Westchester County Board of Legislators, where he represented the 7th District for 12 years. He was then elected to the New York State Assembly, where he served for seven years, followed by four years in the state Senate. In 2017, Latimer was elected as county executive of Westchester County. In this role, Latimer invested over \$20 million in electric vehicle infrastructure and completed the electrification of Westchester County public bus fleets. He also promoted renewable energy and environmental equity.

As a representative, Latimer will advocate for policies that invest in clean energy, promote electric vehicles, and safeguard our planet for future generations.

Latimer joins the U.S. House after defeating Republican candidate Miriam Flisser in the general election. He fills the seat held by former Representative Jamaal Bowman, who Latimer defeated in the Democratic primary and who earned a 99% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard*.

## SAM LICCARDO (D-CA-16)



Sam Liccardo is passionate about holding the fossil fuel industry accountable and addressing the impacts of the climate crisis in Northern California and across the country.

### IN HIS OWN WORDS:

“Climate action is not a spectator sport. Accelerating the transition from fossil fuels will require everyone’s participation. Congress must do more to free itself, and our country, from the grip of the powerful gas and oil industry.”

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Liccardo for Congress

Liccardo was born and raised in the Bay Area, and earned a degree in government from Georgetown University and both a master’s in public policy and a J.D. from Harvard University. Before entering politics, he served as a criminal prosecutor in the Santa Clara County District Attorney’s office. In 2006, Liccardo was elected to the San Jose City Council, where he championed affordable housing and climate action. In 2014, Liccardo was elected mayor of San Jose. Under his leadership, San Jose became the largest city in the U.S. to mandate all-electric residential and office construction – curbing the use of gas in new buildings. Liccardo also launched the San Jose Resilience Corps, employing hundreds of young adults from low income communities to expand climate resilience.

As a representative, Liccardo will push for policies that accelerate the transition from fossil fuels, protect California’s shorelines and hillsides, and increase communities’ resiliency to the threats posed by the climate crisis.

Liccardo joins the U.S. House to fill the seat of retiring Representative Anna Eshoo, who earned a 97% lifetime score on LCV’s *National Environmental Scorecard*

## JOHN MANNION (D-NY-22)



John Mannion is a former teacher and state senator committed to protecting our environment, advancing bold climate solutions, and promoting clean and renewable energy.

### IN HER OWN WORDS:

“As a former science teacher and member of the New York State Senate Environmental Conservation Committee, I am committed to growing a clean energy economy, protecting our environment, and combating climate change. In Congress, I will pursue policies that build a healthier, cleaner, and more sustainable future for our children and grandchildren.”

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Mannion for New York

Mannion grew up in central New York, and earned his bachelor's degree in biology from Binghamton University and a master's in secondary science education from SUNY Oswego. For nearly three decades, Mannion served as a public school science teacher in the West Genesee and the Syracuse City school districts. In 2020, he was elected to the New York state Senate to represent the 50th District. He served on the Environmental Conservation Committee, where he supported programs to improve flood-management and mitigation efforts and expand clean transportation.

As a representative, Mannion will continue fighting for legislation that mitigates climate change, protects clean water, and promotes a clean, green energy economy. Mannion earned a 93% score on New York League of Conservation Voters' 2023 *State Environmental Scorecard*.

Mannion joins the U.S. House after defeating Representative Brandon Williams, who earned an 8% score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard* in 2023.

## SARAH MCBRIDE (D-DE-AL)



Sarah McBride is a trailblazing civic leader and state senator who has supported workers and families through policies to expand access to health care and family leave, and invest in clean energy and transportation.

McBride was born and raised in Wilmington, Delaware. Before attending college, she served as a campaign staffer for former Delaware Governor Jack Markell and the late Delaware Attorney General Beau Biden. After graduating from American University, she led an extensive effort to pass a landmark non-discrimination law in Delaware, which was focused on gender identity. McBride's commitment to community activism led her to be awarded Delaware's Order of the First State, the state's highest civilian honor. McBride worked at both the Center for American Progress and Human Rights Campaign, focusing on LGBTQ+ issues. In 2020, she was elected to the Delaware state Senate, where she has helped pass legislation increasing access to health care, promoting green technologies, and expanding early voting.

As a representative, McBride will continue to fight climate change by investing in a clean energy economy that expands renewable energy, lowers emissions, and creates good paying union jobs. She is the first openly transgender member of Congress.

McBride joins the U.S. House to fill the seat of Senator-elect Lisa Blunt Rochester, who was elected to the U.S. Senate and earned a 97% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard*.

### IN HER OWN WORDS:

“Climate change poses an urgent threat to both our planet and our home, Delaware, the nation's lowest-lying state. President Biden's Inflation Reduction Act was the single largest investment in green infrastructure and the most profound attempt to rescue our climate in history. Building on that progress must be a top priority for Delaware's sole Member of Congress.

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McBride for Delaware

## APRIL MCCLAIN DELANEY (D-MD-06)



April McClain Delaney is an experienced civic leader and environmental advocate who understands the extreme threat climate change poses to communities in the United States and across the planet.

McClain Delaney grew up the daughter of an Idaho potato farmer and learned from a young age the importance of hard work and giving back to her community. Delaney graduated with a bachelor's degree in communications from Northwestern University and later earned a J.D. from Georgetown Law Center. She practiced as a lawyer before founding Common Sense Media, a nonprofit organization that focuses on childrens' online safety and the impact of media on their well-being. She served in the Department of Commerce during the Biden-Harris administration as the deputy assistant secretary for communications and information, where she worked locally, nationally, and globally to promote digital equity in an effort to address online harassment and abuse.

As a representative, McClain Delaney will work to protect voting rights, advocate for clean water and clean air protections, and champion clean and renewable energy investments.

McClain Delaney joins the U.S. House to fill the seat of former Representative David Trone, who vacated the seat to run for U.S. Senate and earned a 96% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard*.



### IN HER OWN WORDS:

“Our failure to address the climate crisis is a reminder that while we have made progress in protecting our lands and wildlife, we still have enormous work yet to do. I will be an unwavering champion for protecting our natural world and advancing large-scale policies to address the climate crisis.”

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## KRISTEN MCDONALD RIVET (D-MI-08)



Kristen McDonald Rivet is a strong supporter of environmental protections who fought to pass critical clean energy legislation during her tenure as a state senator.



### IN HER OWN WORDS:

“The climate crisis is an urgent threat to our way of life. Failing to make the proper investments today will result in not only increases in catastrophic weather events that devastate communities, but will also cost more in the long run.”

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McDonald Rivet earned her undergraduate degree from Michigan State University, becoming one of the first members of her family to earn a college degree. She went on to earn a master's degree from the University of Michigan-Flint, before serving as the chief of staff for the Michigan Department of Education, executive director of Michigan Head Start, and as a member of the Bay City Commission. In 2022, McDonald Rivet became the first woman elected to serve the Great Lakes Bay Region in the Michigan Senate, and was instrumental in helping to pass Michigan's historic 100% clean energy bill. Her other efforts to address climate change include sponsoring legislation to protect farmers' right to host solar projects on their land and supporting a bill to make it easier to site large wind and solar energy projects in Michigan.

As a representative, McDonald Rivet will continue working to reduce carbon emissions, improve climate resilience against extreme weather, and fight to bring good jobs, clean energy, and environmental justice to communities in Michigan and nationwide. McDonald Rivet holds a perfect 100% lifetime score from Michigan LCV.

McDonald Rivet joins the U.S. House to fill the seat of retiring Representative Dan Kildee, who earned a 97% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard*.



## LAMONICA MCIVER (D-NJ-10)



LaMonica McIver has dedicated her life to serving and protecting her community by enhancing public safety, improving housing conditions, and promoting economic development.

McIver was born and raised in Newark, New Jersey, and became politically active at the young age of 13, mobilizing her peers and underscoring the power of civic participation. McIver later earned a bachelor's degree in English literature from Bloomfield College and a master's in educational leadership and policy from Seton Hall University before working in New Jersey public schools in various human resources-related roles. In 2012, she founded Newark G.A.L.S., Inc., an organization empowering women leaders of tomorrow. In 2018, she became the youngest woman ever elected to the Newark Municipal Council. On the council, McIver led on clean water and climate initiatives, including helping replace 18,000 lead lines in the city's water system. In addition, McIver led efforts to increase affordable housing and enhance educational opportunities.

As a representative, McIver will continue fighting for environmental justice, protecting our water supply, and promoting sustainability.

McIver was elected to the U.S. House in a special election in September 2024 to fill the seat of late Representative Donald M. Payne Jr., who earned a 93% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard*.

### IN HER OWN WORDS:

“ I will prioritize advancing environmental sustainability and combating climate change. We have a moral obligation to protect our planet for future generations, and this includes investing in renewable energy, promoting green technologies, and ensuring clean air and water for all.

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## DAVE MIN (D-CA-47)



Dave Min is an attorney and economic policy expert who has championed environmental and climate bills in the California state Senate.

### IN HIS OWN WORDS:

“Combating climate change and preserving our biodiversity, while also making sure there is a just transition that does not abandon or penalize lower-income or minority communities, is the defining challenge of our time. If we do not immediately reduce, and in short order eliminate, our reliance on fossil fuels and the carbon that they emit when burned, we are damning future generations to an apocalyptic scenario.”

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Min is a first-generation Korean American who attended the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania before earning his law degree from Harvard University. His career has included roles as an enforcement attorney at the Securities and Exchange Commission, economic and financial policy advisor for U.S. Senator Chuck Schumer, economic policy director at the Center for American Progress, and business law professor at UC Irvine School of Law. In 2019, he was elected to represent California’s 37th District in the state Senate, where he supported bills to require all autonomous vehicles to be zero-emission by 2030 and fund the protection of California’s largest unprotected wetlands habitat. Min also introduced a bill to ban offshore oil drilling in state waters and authored the country’s first legislation to enact President Biden’s goals of conserving 30% of our lands and waters by 2030.

As a representative, Min will push to protect public lands and drive clean energy innovation with a focus on reducing emissions and decarbonizing industries like cement, aviation, and heavy-duty transit. He holds an 88% lifetime score from California Environmental Voters and earned a perfect 100% score in 2023.

Min joins the U.S. House to fill the seat of former Representative Katie Porter, who vacated the seat to run for U.S. Senate and earned a 97% lifetime score on LCV’s *National Environmental Scorecard*.

## KELLY MORRISON (D-MN-03)



Dr. Kelly Morrison is an OB/GYN and 6th-generation Minnesotan who has championed healthy communities and climate change solutions in the Minnesota state Legislature.

Dr. Morrison earned her bachelor's in history from Yale and her M.D. from Case Western University. For over 20 years, she practiced as a doctor of obstetrics and gynecology in Minnesota. In 2018, Dr. Morrison was elected to the Minnesota state House after unseating a Republican incumbent in a very competitive race. In this role, she championed bills to protect waterways from pollution and invasive species. In 2022, she was elected to the Minnesota state Senate, where she authored over 60 bills that eventually became law, including bills that provide funding for schools to install solar energy, expand electric vehicle infrastructure, and create a comprehensive climate action plan for the state.

As a representative, Dr. Morrison will continue to champion bold climate solutions and work to protect our water, reproductive rights, and our environment.

Dr. Morrison joins the U.S. House to fill the seat of Representative Dean Phillips, who vacated the seat to run for U.S. president and earned a 86% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard*.



### IN HER OWN WORDS:

“During my time serving in the Minnesota Legislature, I've sponsored many pieces of legislation that champion climate, environmental justice, and democracy issues. As a physician, I view legislation through a public health lens, so climate action and environmental justice are priorities, have been at the forefront of my work, and will continue to be in Congress.

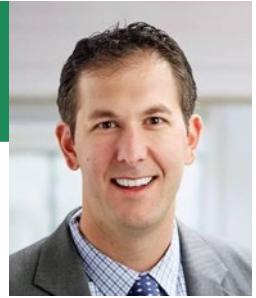
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## JOHNNY OLSZEWSKI (D-MD-02)



Johnny Olszewski is an experienced Maryland elected official and lifelong resident of Baltimore County who has centered environmental policies throughout his political career.



### IN HIS OWN WORDS:

“Too often, our marginalized communities are the ones to feel the brunt of our environmental damage. As we work to build a more sustainable future, we must do so through a lens of environmental justice.”

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Olszewski graduated with a bachelor's in political science and American studies from Goucher College, and a master's in political management from George Washington University. He was a civics teacher in Baltimore County public schools for seven years before being elected to the Maryland House of Delegates in 2006, where he advocated for renewable energy and successfully passed legislation to enhance Maryland's commitment to recycling. In 2018, Olszewski was the youngest person elected as Baltimore County executive. He has helped make Baltimore County a leader on sustainability and issued an order requiring all newly constructed county facilities or major renovations to be completed in the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Silver standard or higher.

As a representative, Olszewski will protect vital bodies of water like the Chesapeake Bay, advocate for investments in clean energy, and work towards a clean, healthy and sustainable future for all. During his service in the Maryland House of Delegates, he earned an 88% lifetime score on Maryland LCV's *Environmental Scorecard*.

Olszewski joins the U.S. House to fill the seat of retiring Representative Dutch Ruppersberger, who earned a 97% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard*.

## NELLIE POU (D-NJ-09)



Nellie Pou has been a longtime leader in the state legislature, where she has consistently voted to protect New Jersey's land, air, and water.



Pou attended Kean College and Rutgers University, and received a degree in business administration from the University of Virginia. Prior to running for the state Legislature, she served on the Passaic-Bergen County HIV Health Services Advisory Council. In 1997, she joined the New Jersey state Assembly, and served there until she was elected to the state Senate in 2011. She was the first woman and first Latina elected to represent the 35th Legislative District. She co-sponsored the Global Warming Response Act, which became law in 2007, and most recently sponsored legislation to require the Department of Environmental Protection to prioritize funding for environmental projects that employ residents who are local or from nearby urban municipalities that qualify for aid.

As a representative, Pou will work with federal, state, and local leaders to advance environmental justice, hold polluters accountable, and combat the climate crisis. Pou is the first Latina and person of Puerto Rican descent elected to Congress in New Jersey.

Pou joins the U.S. House to fill the seat of the late Representative Bill Pascrell, who earned a 95% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard*.

### IN HER OWN WORDS:

“With the most Superfund sites in the entire nation, New Jersey deserves a fighter in Congress who will prioritize holding polluters accountable and address a legacy of environmental injustice. That is why environmental issues will be a top priority of mine.”

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## EMILY RANDALL (D-WA-06)



Emily Randall is a community organizer and advocate with a strong environmental record in the Washington state Senate.



Randall is a third-generation Washingtonian and was raised in a proud union family. She became the first in her family to graduate college and has since worked for multiple non-profits to expand access to affordable higher education and health care. In 2018, she was elected to the state Senate and in 2022, was elected by her colleagues to serve as the deputy majority leader. Randall sponsored bills including the Parks Health and Wellness Act and the Climate Ready Communities Act. In the 2024 legislative session she worked to increase funding for clean energy, drought and flood preparedness, and approve the electrification of Washington's school bus fleet.

As a representative, Randall will advocate for environmental equity and justice while centering the voices of those who will be most immediately impacted by climate change. In the state Senate, she earned a 97% lifetime score on Washington Conservation Action's *Legislative Scorecard*. Randall is the first LGBTQ+ member of Congress from Washington, and the first LGBTQ+ Latina in Congress.

Randall joins the U.S. House to fill the seat of retiring Representative Derek Kilmer, who earned a 96% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard*.

### IN HER OWN WORDS:

“Environmental justice cannot be delinked from health justice. To get to any of the outcomes that allow for true environmental and health justice, we must protect democracy and the right of eligible voters to exercise their rights, and remove barriers to participating in the legislative process and the work of governing.”

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## JOSH RILEY (D-NY-19)



Josh Riley is a New York native and attorney with proven experience fighting for equal rights and a stronger, more equitable democracy.



Riley began his career in the office of U.S. Representative Maurice Hinchey before serving as a fellow for the Labor & Pensions Committee and then as a policy analyst at the U.S. Department of Labor. After Hurricane Katrina, Riley went to New Orleans to volunteer in a legal aid clinic. He then earned a law degree from Harvard Law School and subsequently moved to South Florida to work with the American Academy of Pediatrics on a landmark civil rights lawsuit representing children from low-income families who were trying to access healthcare services. He later served as general counsel to former U.S. Senator Al Franken on the Senate Judiciary Committee, where he worked on legislation to restore the Voting Rights Act. Riley then went into private practice, filing briefs in the U.S. Supreme Court for stronger campaign finance laws and supporting legal challenges opposing the Trump administration's discriminatory immigration policies.

As a representative, Riley will work to protect access to clean water that is free of toxic PFAS chemicals, hold polluters accountable, and strengthen our democracy and the right to vote.

Riley joins the U.S. House after defeating Representative Marc Molinaro, who earned a 19% score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard* in 2023.

### IN HIS OWN WORDS:

“With good policies and smart investments, we not only can save the planet, we can create good jobs in new industries, creating economic opportunities that lift up communities that for too long have been left behind.”

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## LUZ RIVAS (D-CA-29)

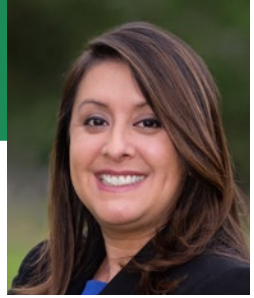


Luz Rivas is a climate and environmental justice champion who has worked to address a wide variety of issues as chair of the Natural Resource Committee in the California state Assembly.

Rivas is a graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where she earned a bachelor's degree, and of Harvard University, where she obtained a master's in education. In 2018, she was elected to the state Assembly where she co-authored the nation-leading Plastic Pollution Prevention Act to hold plastic-producers accountable for a portion of plastic waste, reduce the amount of plastic packaging produced, and expand the amount of packaging that must be recyclable in the state. Additionally, Rivas authored legislation to combat extreme heat and require climate education in schools. She negotiated California's 2022 legislative climate package with strong environmental provisions, including a ban on permits for oil and gas wells within 3,200 feet of homes, schools, and clinics.

As a representative, Rivas will continue to be a champion for climate priorities and center environmental and climate justice in her work. Rivas earned a 97% lifetime score from California Environmental Voters while in the state Assembly.

Rivas joins the U.S. House to fill the seat of retiring Representative Tony Cárdenas, who earned an 89% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard*.



### IN HER OWN WORDS:

“Residents of the San Fernando Valley deserve a Member of Congress who will focus on mitigating the effects of climate change and that will champion environmental justice issues. I have the record and accomplishments in the legislature to hit the ground running as an environmental champion in Congress.”

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## LATEEFAH SIMON (D-CA-12)



Lateefah Simon is a lifelong organizer and activist who has dedicated her career to serving her community, especially the most vulnerable, and currently serves as the president of the board of directors of the Bay Area Rapid Transit system.

Simon was born and raised in the Bay Area of California, and became a single mother at the age of 18. This experience inspired Simon to become the executive director of Young Women's Freedom Center at the age of 19. Simon went on to graduate with a bachelor's in public policy at Mills College and later a master's in public administration from the University of San Francisco. She was awarded the prestigious MacArthur Fellowship at the age of 26, becoming the youngest woman to receive the fellowship. Simon was selected by then-San Francisco District Attorney Kamala Harris to lead the creation of the Back on Track initiative to reduce recidivism among young offenders. In 2016, she was elected to the Bay Area Rapid Transit Board of Directors, where she advocated to make transit more affordable and sustainable.

As a representative, Simon will support bold climate legislation, advocate for the rights of disadvantaged communities, and champion voting rights.

Simon joins the U.S. House to fill the seat of former Representative Barbara Lee, who vacated the seat to run for U.S. Senate and earned a 97% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard*.



### IN HER OWN WORDS:

“ I plan to continue my strong advocacy of combating climate change, investing in clean energy, and pushing for sustainable jobs. We can't afford to wait to address the pressing issues surrounding climate change.

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## SUHAS SUBRAMANYAM (D-VA-10)



Suhas Subramanyam has championed climate action throughout his entire career and has been a leader in the Virginia House of Delegates and state Senate.

Subramanyam graduated from Tulane University where he served as the president of the university's environmental club before earning his law degree from the Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law. He served in the Virginia General Assembly for four years, and in that time was the sponsor or co-sponsor of nearly 30 bills that specifically addressed environmental justice, climate, and democracy issues. These bills include legislation to ban forever chemicals (PFAS), establish a low- and zero-emissions vehicle program, and require environmental justice to be a core function of the state's Department of Environmental Quality.

As a representative, Subramanyam will continue to protect our democracy and fight for environmental justice, clean air, clean water, and bold climate solutions. He earned a 100% lifetime score on Virginia LCV's *Conservation Scorecard*. Subramanyam is the first Indian American to represent Virginia in Congress.

Subramanyam joins the U.S. House to fill the seat of retiring Representative Jennifer Wexton, who earned a 97% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard*.



### IN HIS OWN WORDS:

“ I am proud of my record on climate and democracy bills. I have always said that I will legislate for the next 10 years, not just the next 10 months. As I think about the future for my two young daughters, and about the future of our planet and democracy, nothing is more important to me than these priorities.

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## DEREK TRAN (D-CA-45)



Derek Tran, an attorney, is passionate about addressing the impacts of the climate crisis in Southern California and has worked to address long range transportation and highway planning as a member of the Orange Traffic Committee.

Tran is a workers' rights lawyer, military veteran, small business owner, mentor for at-risk youth at California's Sunburst Academy, and member of the board of Consumers of Attorneys of California, which works to protect consumers' legal rights. He has spent his career defending people in underrepresented communities and holding corporations accountable, and he will continue that work in Congress. He supports stronger environmental regulations and protecting California's clean air and water, in part by fighting to bring federal funding to southern California to improve transportation infrastructure and create good paying clean energy jobs.

As a representative, Tran will hold oil and gas companies accountable while promoting sustainable energy production that creates good paying jobs.

Tran joins the U.S. House after defeating Representative Michelle Steel, who landed herself on LCV Victory Fund's 2024 Dirty Dozen and earned a 4% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard*.



### IN HIS OWN WORDS:

“ I am dedicated to protecting our environment, not just for the sake of the planet, but the people who live on it too. Climate change has already begun to affect the lives of many people and we need to take stronger measures to curb its effects.

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## EUGENE VINDMAN (D-VA-07)



Eugene Vindman has been an outspoken advocate for democracy and his role as a whistleblower at the National Security Council led to the first impeachment of former President Donald Trump.

Vindman's family fled Soviet Ukraine when he was three years old and immigrated to New York, where he spent his childhood. After college, he began his 25-year career with the U.S. Army, serving the latter half as part of the Army Judge Advocate General's Corps. Vindman then served on the U.S. National Security Council (NSC), first as deputy legal advisor and later as NSC's senior ethics official in the White House. It was in this role when, in 2019, he and his brother Alexander reported President Donald Trump's solicitation for foreign interference in a call with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy. Whistleblower reports about this call sparked an investigation and ultimately led to Trump's impeachment.

As a representative, Vindman will be a strong advocate for protecting our democracy, supporting conservation in agriculture, and preserving open spaces.

Vindman joins the U.S. House to fill the seat of retiring Representative Abigail Spanberger, who earned a 95% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard*.



### IN HIS OWN WORDS:

“As a father, protecting my children's future is the most important priority in my life. As a Congressman, my most sacred duty will be to protect the future of all children. That means protecting our environment, building a sustainable economy, and ensuring that our children, and their children, can live without fear or climate catastrophes.”

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## GEORGE WHITESIDES (D-CA-27)



George Whitesides is a former aerospace executive who has been dedicated to helping address the climate-fueled wildfire crisis.

### IN HIS OWN WORDS:

“One of the main motivations for my candidacy is the climate challenge we face today. We need science-based policy that responsibly addresses the needs of citizens and stakeholders.”

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Whitesides graduated from Princeton with a bachelor's degree in public and international affairs. He later earned a master's in philosophy from Cambridge University. He worked on President Barack Obama's transition team and later served as the chief of staff for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), for which he was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal, the highest award at NASA. After leaving NASA, Whitesides became the first CEO of spaceflight company Virgin Galactic, and later went on to co-found Megafire Action, a policy non-profit dedicated to solving the wildfire crisis and addressing home fire insurance issues that many people in this country are facing.

As a representative Whitesides will help fight climate change, address the wildfire crisis, and promote renewable energy.

Whitesides joins the U.S. House after defeating Representative Mike Garcia, who earned a 14% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard*.

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