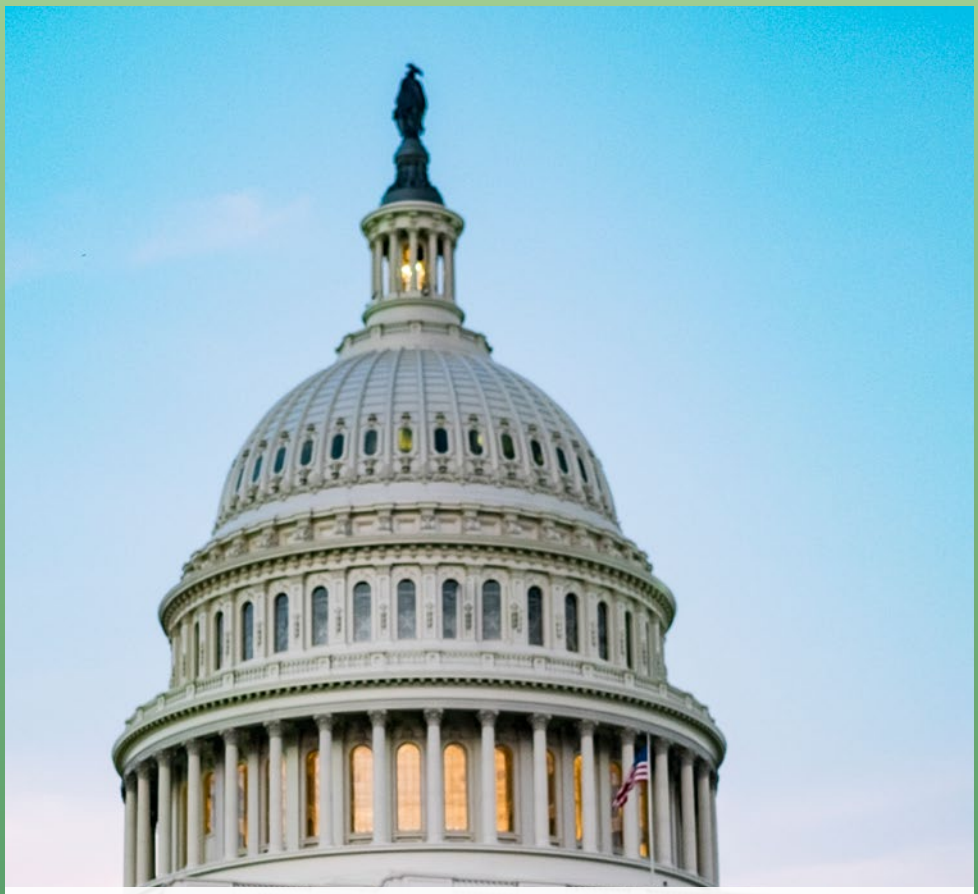


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OVERVIEW

The League of Conservation Voters (LCV) 2026 New Member Guide summarizes the backgrounds and environmental positions of newly elected federal candidates who were endorsed 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 tackling 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 /to flip the U.S. House [and U.S. Senate] to a pro-environment, pro-democracy majority/ies. It is worth noting that there are other pro-environment and pro-democracy new members of Congress who are not included in this document, and we look forward to working with them as well.

In the 2026 election cycle, LCV Action Fund endorsed in 19 U.S. Senate races and 163 U.S. House races. Forty percent of our endorsed candidates this cycle are people of color, 47% are women, and 5% identify as LGBTQ+, including many candidates who are "firsts" for their respective communities. LCV Action Fund is committed to ensuring that Congress continues to even better reflect the diversity of our country. For a complete list of LCV Action Fund endorsements, including those of incumbents who were re-elected, please visit: lcv.org/endorsements.

The 2026 New Member Guide includes 11 new members of the U.S. Senate and 47 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. You can view and download the full report in both English and Spanish at lcv.org/newmemberguide.

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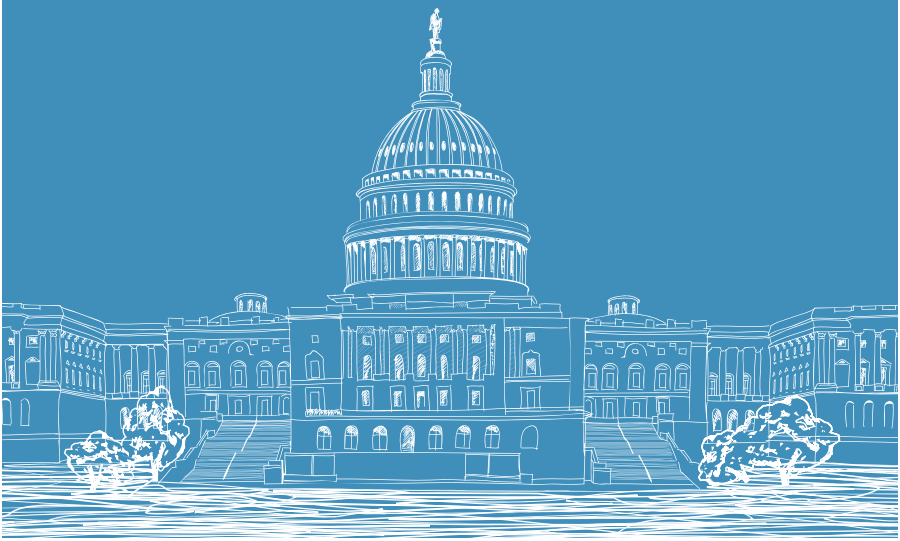
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ANNIE ANDREWS (D-SC)



Dr. Annie Andrews is a pediatrician and a national children's health advocate who will work to restore funding to critical health and environmental agencies, limit dangerous pollutants, and protect South Carolina from climate disasters.

After receiving her master's degree from the Medical University of South Carolina and her M.D. at the University of Cincinnati, Dr. Andrews returned to South Carolina to be a pediatrician. Working for 14 years at a Charleston children's hospital, Dr. Andrews cared for young patients suffering from measles, heat stroke, cancer, gun violence injuries, and more. Her years of dealing with the failures of the American healthcare system pushed Dr. Andrews into policy, and she became a prolific fundraiser and advocate for youth-focused causes, from climate change to gun violence to childhood poverty. She has spoken out extensively against Secretary of Health Robert F. Kennedy's harmful anti-science schemes, and fought tirelessly for gender-affirming care and reproductive healthcare rights.

As a senator, Dr. Andrews will continue fighting to protect our youth from harmful pollution and ensure South Carolinians have a safe and brighter future for generations to come. Dr. Andrews is the first woman to be elected to the U.S. Senate from South Carolina.

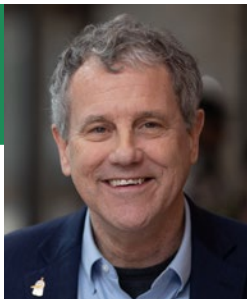
Dr. Andrews joins the U.S. Senate after defeating former Senator Darline Graham, who was appointed in 2026 to fill the open seat of her brother, the late former Senator Lindsey Graham, who earned a 14% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard.*

IN HER OWN WORDS:

> *"I am beholden to the people of South Carolina, the American people whose children deserve a future planet to live on. I promise to protect our environment and take every action necessary to ensure a safe and healthy future for our children.*

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SHERROD BROWN (D-OH)



Sherrod Brown is former senator with decades of experience and a proven legislative record defending Ohio's air and water while investing in the state's workers and communities.

After earning his master's degree in public administration and education from The Ohio State University, Brown dedicated his career to public service, holding office in the Ohio State House of Representatives, as the Ohio secretary of state, and in the U.S. House for seven terms. Brown was then elected as U.S. Senator and served for three terms from 2007 to 2025. As Senator, Brown championed the protection of unionized manufacturing jobs, clean water in the Great Lakes, and federal land conservation programs. Brown was also instrumental in the creation and passage of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act in 2021, which poured much-needed investment into restoration projects for the Great Lakes and surrounding communities.

As a senator, Brown will strengthen Ohio's clean energy economy by prioritizing investment in offshore wind and will continue fighting for clean, healthy air and water for all. In Brown's decades of service as a representative and senator, he earned a lifetime score of 93% on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard.*

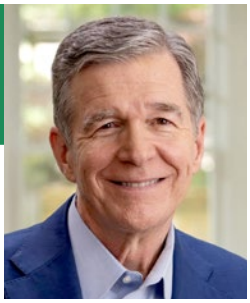
Brown rejoins the U.S. Senate after defeating former Senator Jon Husted, who earned a spot on LCV Victory Fund's 2026 Dirty Dozen, with a 2025 score of 3% on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard.*

IN HIS OWN WORDS:

> *"Ohioans have a right to clean air, safe drinking water, and a healthy environment. I've fought to protect the Great Lakes from pollution and invasive species, invest in clean energy jobs across our state, and preserve our public lands.*

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ROY COOPER (D-NC)



Roy Cooper is a lifelong public servant who has fought for North Carolina's healthcare system, education, jobs, and access to clean energy.

Cooper has served North Carolina at every level. After graduating with a J.D. from the University of North Carolina, Cooper practiced law while tutoring at local public schools before getting elected as a state legislator, attorney general, and finally governor. In his two terms as governor, Cooper worked to create thousands of new jobs and protect North Carolina's climate and clean energy sector. He signed multiple executive orders to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, develop offshore wind energy, and invest in North Carolinians to ensure they received the education, training, and resources to grow their careers. Cooper further championed North Carolina's lands and water, establishing new targets for land conservation efforts, wetland restoration, and urban tree planting.

As a senator, Cooper will fight for energy affordability by advancing policies to deploy clean energy, modernize the grid, and stand up to polluting, energy-hungry data centers and tech companies.

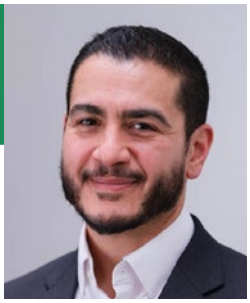
Cooper joins the U.S. Senate after defeating Michael Whatley, who earned a spot on LCV Victory Fund's 2026 Dirty Dozen, to fill the seat of retiring Senator Thom Tillis, who earned a 11% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard.*

IN HIS OWN WORDS:

> *"Every North Carolinian deserves access to safe drinking water, clean air, and a healthy environment. As governor, I worked to build a clean energy economy delivering good-paying jobs across our state.*

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ABDUL EL-SAYED (D-MI)



Abdul El-Sayed is a public health expert who has dedicated his career to advocating for environmental justice and healthy communities in Michigan.

Born and raised in Michigan, El-Sayed earned his undergraduate degree from the University of Michigan before pursuing his medical degree from Columbia University and his doctorate in public health from Oxford University as a Rhodes Scholar. Pursuing his lifelong passion for helping people, El-Sayed decided to concentrate in public health, and led the rebuilding of Detroit's bankrupt Health Department. He went on to restructure the Wayne County Department of Health, Human, and Veterans Services, where he prioritized clean air, clean water, and healthy communities. El-Sayed went after corporate polluters, removed lead drinking water pipes, instituted air quality monitoring programs, and prevented imports of radioactive waste. He later served on President Biden's Unity Task Force for Healthcare to help increase access and affordability.

As a senator, El-Sayed will continue to champion public health and climate policies that serve working people, not billionaires or corporate interests. In 2016, Michigan League of Conservation Voters awarded him "Public Official of the Year." El-Sayed is the first Muslim person and the first Egyptian-American to serve in the U.S. Senate.

El-Sayed joins the U.S. Senate after defeating former Representative Mike Rogers, who earned a spot on LCV Victory Fund's 2026 Dirty Dozen with an 8% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard*, to fill the seat of retiring Senator Gary Peters, who earned a 95% lifetime score.

IN HIS OWN WORDS:

> *"I will fight to build resilient infrastructure, strengthen our energy and water systems, and ensure that every community — especially those hit first and hardest — benefits from a just and sustainable transition.*

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PEGGY FLANAGAN (D-MN)



Peggy Flanagan is a lifelong organizer, advocate, and leader who will bring her experience enacting critical climate and environmental policy as lieutenant governor to the U.S. Senate.

A lifelong Minnesotan, Flanagan was born into an Indigenous and Irish family and is a member of the White Earth Nation. She was elected to the Minneapolis School Board at just 25 years old and later led the Minnesota Children's Defense Fund and championed efforts to raise the state's minimum wage. She was elected to the Minnesota Legislature in 2015, and in 2018 as lieutenant governor alongside former Governor Tim Walz. Flanagan enacted legislation that committed to 100% clean energy by 2040, evaluated cumulative impacts of pollution on environmental justice communities, leveraged federal investments for clean energy, and prioritized tribal consultation and sovereignty. As lieutenant governor, she became the first woman of color elected to statewide office in Minnesota.

As a senator, Flanagan will advance both environmental protections and economic growth by boosting federal investments in clean energy projects and standing up to big corporations. Flanagan is [one of/the] first Indigenous woman to serve in the U.S. Senate and the first Indigenous person to represent Minnesota in Congress.

Flanagan joins the U.S. Senate to fill the seat of retiring Senator Tina Smith, who earned a lifetime score of 97% on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard.*

IN HER OWN WORDS:

> *"We only have one planet, and we must ensure it's livable for future generations and address climate change. The innovation, development, and deployment of renewables are critical to energy security in the 21st century and to mitigating the extreme weather impacting us all.*

Peggy Flanagan for U.S. Senate

ADAM HAMILTON (D-KS)



Adam Hamilton is a fifth generation Kansan and lifelong pastor who, over nearly four decades, has built an enormous, active congregation centered around serving local communities and helping those in need.

After receiving his degree in pastoral ministry and his Masters of Divinity, at age 25, Hamilton and his wife established the Church of the Resurrection with just four people. Under Hamilton's leadership, the church grew over 36 years to become the largest United Methodist congregation in the U.S., with approximately 24,000 members. His church brought together Kansans from diverse socioeconomic and political backgrounds under the unifying theme of service. Hamilton has supported local schools, hospitals, food pantries, and healthcare services through donations of tens of millions of dollars to community causes. He has written over 30 books on his faith and experiences, and consistently reaches out to farmers, ranchers, and small-business owners across the state to understand their grievances and work towards community-led solutions.

As a senator, Hamilton will continue to build out Kansas' robust clean energy portfolio while partnering with ranchers, farmers, and scientists across the state to collaboratively develop resilient land, water, and agricultural management practices.

Hamilton joins the U.S. Senate after defeating former Senator Roger Marshall, who earned a 5% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard*.

IN HIS OWN WORDS:

> *"I've spent my life teaching that the world we live in was entrusted to us to care for, not to use up. Human activity is changing our climate, and we're already seeing the effects here in Kansas, on the land our farm and ranch families work and in the water beneath it.*

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TROY JACKSON (D-ME)



Troy Jackson is a lifelong public servant who has always stood up for everyday Mainers, from his time organizing labor movements to his twenty years in the Maine Legislature, where he prioritized protecting safe and healthy communities.

Jackson, a fifth generation Maine logger, quickly became involved in labor organizing, fighting against billionaire corporations and landowners to demand protections and fair wages for working families. Jackson was first elected to the Maine House of Representatives in 2002, and after serving for three terms was elected to the Maine Senate, where he served for 14 years, with six as the Senate president. Here, he was a staunch defender of Maine's public lands and collaborated with Indigenous leaders and communities to ensure all voices were heard in the policy process. He consistently fought against pollution and supported legislation that held corporate polluters accountable for their damage to clean air and drinking water.

As a senator, Jackson will continue to champion working families by supporting clean energy projects that will bring down energy costs while creating strong union jobs. In the state legislature, he earned an 81% lifetime score on Maine Conservation Voters' Environmental Scorecard.

Jackson joins the U.S. Senate after defeating Senator Susan Collins, who earned a spot on LCV Victory Fund's 2026 Dirty Dozen, with a lifetime score of 52% on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard.*

IN HIS OWN WORDS:

> *"I've always believed we should leave this state and country better than we found it. That means protecting our air and water, making energy more affordable, creating good-paying jobs, and making sure the next generation can enjoy the same outdoors we grew up with.*

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CHRIS PAPPAS (D-NH)



Chris Pappas is a longtime public servant who has fought tirelessly for New Hampshire's access to a clean energy economy and clean air and water as a member of the U.S. House.

After graduating from Harvard, Pappas helped run his family's 108-year-old local restaurant, served in the New Hampshire House of Representatives, and held a seat on the state's Executive Council, where he directed state investments into a variety of renewable energy projects. In 2018, Pappas was elected to the United States House of Representatives. He has been a champion for protecting New Hampshire's waterways, including fighting carcinogenic forever chemicals by establishing strict limits on PFAS discharge and securing funding for cleanup efforts. Pappas has also fought against the Trump administration's illegal cancellations of clean energy projects, unlawful wars of choice, and other decisions from the administration that are raising energy costs at home and at the pump. Specifically, he introduced multiple bills to restore energy bill relief for low-income and military families.

As a senator, Pappas will continue to fight for clean energy initiatives, advocate for innovative climate solutions, and invest in resilient infrastructure to secure a cleaner, safer, and more affordable future for all Americans. As a representative, he earned a 97% lifetime score on LCV's National Environmental Scorecard. Pappas is the first openly LGBTQ+ man to be elected to the Senate.

Pappas joins the U.S. Senate to fill the seat of retiring Senator Jeanne Shaheen, who earned a 95% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard.*

IN HIS OWN WORDS:

> *"New Hampshire's environment from the White Mountains to the Seacoast is critical to our way of life and our economy. I'll continue to prioritize environmental sustainability, stand up to corporate polluters, and work to keep our communities safe and healthy for generations to come.*

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JULIANA STRATTON (D-IL)



Juliana Stratton is the current lieutenant governor of Illinois who has spent her career working to protect voting rights and take urgent action on climate change.

After Stratton earned her law degree from DePaul University, she served as executive director of the Cook County Justice Advisory Council and director for the Center for Public Safety and Justice at the University of Illinois at Chicago. In 2016, she ran for Illinois House of Representatives, beating out the Republican incumbent who held the seat for over a decade. In 2018, she was elected lieutenant governor of Illinois alongside Governor J.B. Pritzker. Under their leadership, Illinois passed the historic Clean Energy Jobs Act, which promoted clean energy initiatives, including emphasizing equity and the Reimagining Electric Vehicles App and creating competitive incentives to produce and sell clean cars in the state.

As a senator, Stratton will continue to fight for clean energy and equitable climate legislation, and build a just transition towards a green economy by uplifting underserved communities and creating strong union jobs.

Stratton joins the U.S. Senate to fill the seat of retiring Senator Dick Durbin, who earned a 90% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard.*

IN HER OWN WORDS:

"As Senator, I will continue to advocate for pro-environment legislation that fights climate change, preserves our natural resources, and protects our communities that are disproportionately harmed by air, water, and other forms of pollution.

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JAMES TALARICO (D-TX)



James Talarico is a former public school teacher and current Texas state representative who has championed stamping out corruption, bringing down the cost of living, and fighting for clean, affordable, and reliable energy.

Shortly after graduating from the University of Texas at Austin, Talarico joined Teach For America and taught sixth grade at a public middle school in San Antonio. He went on to work for the Texas education nonprofit Reasoning Mind before getting elected to the Texas House of Representatives in 2018. While concurrently working towards a Master of Divinity, Talarico led numerous bills making education, healthcare, and housing more accessible. He has consistently advocated for strong protections for our clean air and water and developed a broad energy platform that seeks to invest in clean energy, improve the reliability of the Texas grid, and demand that energy companies pay their fair share.

As a senator, Talarico will prioritize bringing down costs and creating job opportunities by deploying affordable, clean energy, strengthening the grid, and developing climate-smart infrastructure across Texas.

Talarico joins the U.S. Senate after defeating Republican candidate Ken Paxton. He fills the seat held by former Senator John Cornyn, who earned a 6% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard.*

IN HIS OWN WORDS:

> *"I have a strong commitment to protecting our environment. Some of my most cherished memories are enjoying Texas's beautiful landscape — whether it's on my family trips to Big Bend or visiting relatives on the Corpus Christi coast. I know that we have a responsibility to prioritize policies that will protect our environment for generations to come.*

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JOSH TUREK (D-IA)



Josh Turek is a two-time Paralympic gold medalist for Team USA and a member of the Iowa House of Representatives. He has been a strong proponent of meaningful and effective environmental protection— especially for the air, food, and water we all rely on.

Born with spina bifida, Turek underwent 21 surgeries by the age of 12 before going on to have a prolific professional basketball career, culminating in gold medals at the 2016 Olympics in Rio de Janeiro and the 2020 Olympics in Tokyo. Turek then brought his leadership to his hometown of Council Bluffs, where he narrowly won election to the Iowa Legislature in 2022 by a mere six votes. Since then, Turek has been a champion for disability advocates and agricultural communities— addressing the needs of working and rural families by fighting for clean air and water, extreme weather resiliency, lower utility bills through clean energy investments, and access to affordable healthcare and a safe environment for all Iowans.

As a senator, Turek will continue to advocate for alleviating the economic pressures facing the middle class, better health care, and widespread environmental protections. Turek is the first individual with a permanent disability to represent Iowa in the U.S. Senate.

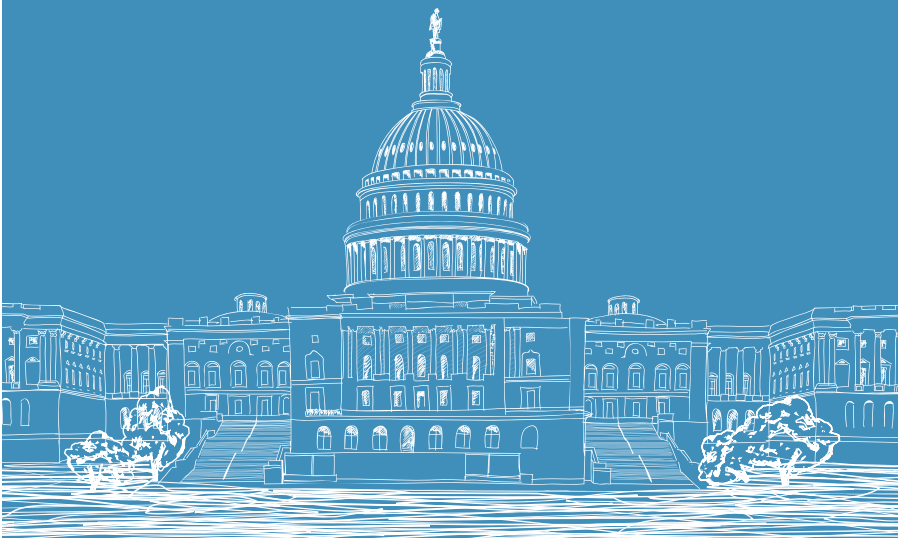
Turek joins the U.S. Senate to fill the seat of retiring Senator Joni Ernst, who earned a 7% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard.*

IN HIS OWN WORDS:

> *"I've heard firsthand from Iowans, whether it be farmers in the rural communities or working class folk in urban areas, about the impact climate disasters have had on their lives. We have to address the root causes of these disasters, or working class folks will keep paying the price.*

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JAMIE AGER (D-NC-11)



Jamie Ager is a fourth-generation farmer and a lifelong environmentalist who understands the opportunity to expand clean energy while lowering costs and creating good-paying jobs.

After graduating from Warren Wilson College, Ager continued his family lineage of cooperative farming by building Hickory Nut Gap, a sustainable meat company that supports dozens of farmers and community members across the region. Ager is a long-time supporter of North Carolina's public lands and ensuring his region has clean air to breathe and safe water to drink. He and his family are deeply rooted in rural and agricultural spaces, and he understands the need to fight against the disproportionate burden of pollution and harms borne by underserved communities. In the aftermath of Hurricane Helene, Ager recognized the dangers that climate change poses to Western North Carolina, and advocated for better emergency response to natural disasters and planning for prevention, including improved resilience and a decreased dependency on fossil fuels.

As a representative, Ager will continue fighting for practical solutions to protect our public lands, clean air and water, and address climate change impacts.

Ager joins the U.S. House to fill the seat of retiring Representative Chuck Edwards, who earned a 5% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard*.

IN HIS OWN WORDS:

"Climate change, environmental protection, and a healthy democracy are core priorities for me because they directly affect our safety, economy, and basic freedoms. I will support practical, science-based solutions that protect clean air and water, reduce pollution, and help communities prepare for stronger storms and flooding—while creating good jobs and keeping costs manageable for families.

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COLIN ALLRED (D-TX-33)



Through his careers as a professional athlete, civil rights attorney, and U.S. representative for Texas' 32nd Congressional District, Colin Allred has been a democracy champion and strong supporter of federal climate investments.

After a 5-year career in the National Football League, Allred earned his J.D. from UC Berkeley School of Law. He went on to have an extensive legal career championing voting rights while serving in the Office of White House Counsel under Kathy Ruemmler, the Maryland U.S. Attorney's Office, and a special assistant in the Department of Housing and Urban Development in the Obama-Biden administration. Allred was then elected to Congress in 2018, serving for three terms and was a strong supporter of the Inflation Reduction Act and its implementation, urging cities and nonprofits in Texas to apply for the available solar grants. Through his work on the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, Allred secured over $100 million to electrify public transportation systems around Dallas.

As a representative, Allred will continue to solidify Texas as a leader in wind and solar energy as well as fight for clean air and water. During his previous terms in congress, Allred earned a 96% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard.*

Allred rejoins the U.S. House to fill the seat of retiring Representative Marc Veasey, who earned a 91% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard.*

IN HIS OWN WORDS:

> *"Climate action isn't just an obligation — it's an enormous economic opportunity. I'll lead the fight to make sure Texas powers America's clean energy future, with high-paying jobs and lower costs for our families.*

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CALLIE BARR (D-MI-01)



Callie Barr is a fifth generation Michigander, high school teacher, and lawyer who understands the importance of protecting our critical lands and waters from climate change, pollution, and illegal federal disinvestment.

Barr grew up in Traverse City and graduated as the valedictorian of her high school before earning a degree from Central Michigan University. She began working as a high school English teacher, but when her husband returned from military deployment with several combat injuries, Barr became a fierce advocate for veterans and military families at the Rosalynn Carter Institute for Caregivers. She furthered this work by pursuing her J.D. from the University of Michigan Law School so that she could provide accessible legal services for veterans. Barr decided to run for Congress to protect our democracy, support strong public education, and partner with farmers and rural communities to ensure a fair and equitable transition to a clean energy economy.

As a representative, Barr will protect Michigan's waters, including the Great Lakes, and incentivize the transition to a clean energy economy while providing good-paying union jobs and protecting our democracy.

Barr joins the U.S. House after defeating former Representative Jack Bergman, who earned a 7% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard.*

IN HER OWN WORDS:

> *"This is not just about "saving the planet" in an abstract sense; it's about protecting our way of life, our health, and our economic stability.*

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MELISSA BEAN (D-IL-08)



Melissa Bean is an experienced leader who served three terms in the U.S. House of Representatives and is dedicated to standing up for working families and building a cleaner, safer future for all.

A native of the Chicago area, Bean grew up around her father's engineering firm and worked at a technology company to pay her way through school. After graduating with an associate's degree from Oakton Community College, Bean founded a company of her own and earned a bachelor's degree in political science from Roosevelt University. Her desire to build a cleaner, more sustainable future for her children pushed her to political service, and in 2004 she was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives. During her three terms in Congress, Bean regularly supported scientific and environmental causes that promoted long-term sustainability and created economic opportunities for working families. She consistently protected clean air and water by championing local waterway cleanup efforts and holding polluters accountable.

As a representative, Bean will fight to restore the authority and enforcement ability of the EPA to regulate air and water safety and invest in clean energy projects that lower costs, create jobs, and improve the grid for long-term resilience. During her previous term in Congress, Bean earned an 85% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard.*

Bean rejoins the U.S. House to fill the seat of former Representative Raja Krishnamoorthi, who ran for U.S. Senate and earned a 98% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard.*

IN HER OWN WORDS:

> *"Climate is an issue that is essential to the survival of the human species. We only have one planet and there is no 'Plan B' if we do not get this right.*

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TERESA BENITEZ-THOMPSON (D-NV-02)



Teresa Benitez-Thompson is a longtime Nevada state representative with a proven track record defending our public lands, holding big polluters accountable, and investing in clean energy as a solution for both the economy and the climate crisis.

Benitez-Thompson began her career helping organize for the Nevada Empowered Woman's Project. After winning the Miss Nevada pageant, she completed her undergraduate degree at the University of Nevada, Reno followed by her master's at University of Michigan. Her professional career began as a social worker, supporting adoptions, special needs children, and terminally ill patients. In 2010, Benitez-Thompson took her passions for social justice to the Nevada State Assembly, serving for 12 years, broadening Nevada's renewable energy profile and breaking down barriers to voting and mail-in ballots. She has since worked for the state's Attorney General office, leading litigation efforts combating the Trump administration's illegal actions, particularly clean energy investments awarded from the Inflation Reduction Act.

As a representative, Benitez-Thompson will fight to restore funding for clean energy projects that protect our environment while creating local jobs and commit to protecting Nevada's federal lands to public use and ownership. During her service in the Nevada State Assembly, she earned a 95% lifetime score from the Nevada Conservation League.

Benitez-Thompson joins the U.S. House of Representatives to fill the seat of retiring Representative Mark Amodei, who earned a 6% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard.*

IN HER OWN WORDS:

"I'm proud to have supported many measures over the years that address climate change and its impacts on people, from incentives for solar power and electric vehicles to progressively increasing Nevada's renewable energy portfolio.

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REBECCA BENNETT (D-NJ-07)



Rebecca Bennett spent decades as an elite Naval helicopter pilot and healthcare professional, and is dedicated to defending our air, water, and climate while in Congress.

After graduating from Cornell University with a ROTC scholarship and finishing top of her class in flight school, Bennett went on to serve in the armed forces for over 15 years as a helicopter pilot and aircraft commander. Since retiring from the military, Bennett has worked across the healthcare sector, striving to bring down costs and increase access to care. Bennett pledged to maintain and rebuild robust environmental regulations for all New Jerseyians by removing PFAS forever chemicals and lead from drinking water, protecting grants for waste management and superfund cleanup, and preventing the spread of pollutants proactively. Bennett worked to address the threat of climate change by developing clear action plans to create climate-resilient infrastructure especially through targeted investments in battery storage, wind, and solar power.

As a representative, Bennett will take on the deregulation and defunding of the environment, ensuring that smart investments are directed into renewable energy projects, pollution clean-up efforts, and support for local farmers burdened with climate change.

Bennett joins the U.S. House after defeating Representative Thomas Kean, who earned an 18% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard*.

IN HER OWN WORDS:

"In Congress I will fight to restore common sense tax credits and give investors reliable policy to allow investments in green energy. Every family deserves clean air and clean water, not rollbacks of important safety regulations.

LCVAF Questionnaire

MITCHELL BERMAN (D-WI-01)



Mitchell Berman is a lifelong Wisconsinite and healthcare professional dedicated to fighting for healthy communities and holding polluters accountable for their damages to clean air and drinking water.

After earning his nursing assistant license at age 17 and working his way through college, Berman spent more than 23 years in healthcare and over a decade serving as a registered nurse at the Veterans Administration. He has supported veterans, active duty service members, and military families while serving as a proud union member and advocate. As a frontline emergency room nurse, Berman is familiar with the variety of threats to Wisconsin's health, including toxic PFAS "forever chemicals" that have contaminated the aquifers in his hometown. Berman is holding polluting industries accountable to clean up these toxins, and prevent similar disasters in the future.

As a representative, Berman will continue to prioritize the health and safety of Wisconsinites by cleaning up toxic air and water contaminants, enforcing strict pollution limits, and holding polluters accountable for the damages caused to community health.

Berman joins the U.S. House after defeating former Representative Bryan Steil, who earned a 10% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard.*

IN HIS OWN WORDS:

> *"Climate change is real, and it is affecting our weather, farming, and ecosystems here in Wisconsin. We need to invest in clean energy, build a more resilient grid, protect Lake Michigan and our drinking water from contamination, clean up PFAS, and make the polluters pay for it.*

Berman for Congress

DANIEL BISS (D-IL-09)



Daniel Biss is a mathematician who has served as a state representative, state senator, and mayor, always fighting for bold solutions to climate change that hold polluters accountable.

After completing his bachelor's degree at Harvard University and both an M.A. and Ph.D. in mathematics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Biss moved to Illinois to join the University of Chicago's mathematics faculty. He got involved in progressive activism for a wide variety of causes, including expanded social services, access to reproductive healthcare, and protections for LBGTQ+ youth. Biss was then elected to serve in both the Illinois House of Representatives and the Illinois State Senate before serving as mayor of Evanston. As an elected official, Biss has consistently recognized the importance of climate-smart investments. As mayor, he developed the innovative Healthy Buildings Ordinance, which helps reduce emissions and increase efficiency in large buildings, a policy that has since gained national acclaim.

As a representative, Biss will continue to be a climate-forward leader and a vocal proponent of policies that rapidly advances a clean energy economy, invests in frontline communities, and ensures that the biggest polluters pay their fair share. As a state senator, Biss earned a 100% score on the Illinois Environmental Council's 2018 Environmental Scorecard.

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

IN HIS OWN WORDS:

> *"We need to pass a Green New Deal to slash greenhouse gas emissions, create good union jobs, finish the transition to renewable energy, and build infrastructure that can withstand the climate crisis. And we need to make the polluters who caused this mess pay to clean it up.*

Daniel Biss for Congress

ADRIAN BOAFO (D-MD-05)



Adrian Boafo is a climate and environmental justice champion who has spent his career in Maryland public service fighting for clean water, affordable energy, and climate resilience measures.

Boafo grew up in Prince George County and went to the University of Baltimore, where he was elected as the first Black president of the school's Student Government Association. He worked for former Congressman Steny Hoyer in Maryland's Fifth District before being elected to the Bowie City Council and later the Maryland House of Delegates. In each of these roles, Boafo centered healthy communities and clean energy. During his time on the Bowie City Council, where he served as mayor pro tem, Boafo championed a clean water program, securing millions in funding to replace deteriorating pipes. As a Maryland delegate, Boafo co-sponsored and supported a wide variety of climate legislation, including efforts to reduce carbon emissions in new building construction, legislation to make polluters pay for climate damages, and a moratorium on utility rate hikes in the face of rising energy bills.

As a representative, Boafo will continue to be a champion for the environment and innovative investments that support a green economy while holding polluters accountable. Boafo earned a 100% score on the Maryland League of Conservation Voters 2024 *Environmental Scorecard.*

Boafo joins the U.S. House to fill the seat of retiring Representative Steny Hoyer, who earned a 84% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard.*

IN HIS OWN WORDS:

> *"My vision for Maryland is clear: fully fund Chesapeake Bay restoration, invest in flood mitigation and shoreline protection, expand solar and offshore wind to create good-paying union jobs, and advance environmental justice by reducing pollution in the communities that have been overburdened for too long.*

LCVAF Questionnaire

CHRISTINA BOHANNAN (D-IA-01)



Christina Bohannan is a lifelong advocate for the environment and has championed clean energy and clean water in her careers as an environmental engineer, law professional, and member of the Iowa House of Representatives.

After earning her degree from the University of Florida and becoming the first person in her family to graduate college, Bohannan worked for the Florida Department of Environmental Protection as an environmental engineer. She then attended the University of Florida Levin College of Law, where she graduated first in her class and went on to clerk for the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals. Bohannan spent more than two decades as a professor at the University of Iowa College of Law before defeating a 20-year incumbent to represent District 85 in the Iowa House of Representatives. During her time in the statehouse, Bohannan sponsored legislation on solar energy tax credits, testing for lead in water at schools and childcare facilities, and investigating toxic lead and copper in county water systems.

As a representative, Bohannan will bring her deep experience on clean water and democracy issues, and she will continue to champion clean energy, a healthy environment, and sustainable agriculture.

Bohannan joins the U.S. House after defeating Representative Mariannette Miller-Meeks, who earned a 9% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard*.

IN HER OWN WORDS:

"As an environmental engineer and a mother, I believe climate change is a significant threat to our economy, our way of life and to future generations. We should treat climate change with urgency, and use it as an opportunity to build modern infrastructure, create good jobs in new trades, invest in domestic clean energy and industry, and shore up national security.

LCVAF Questionnaire

BOB BROOKS (D-PA-07)



Bob Brooks is a champion for working families and safe, healthy communities, serving over two decades as a firefighter, union president, and community advocate.

After holding a dozen jobs across the food and service, landscaping, and warehousing industries, Brooks moved to Pennsylvania and joined the Bethlehem Fire Department, where he became a mainstay for 20 years. Brooks immediately became involved in the union and worked his way up to president of the Pennsylvania Professional Fire Fighters Association, where he advocated for better wages, healthcare, benefits, and mental health resources for first responders. An integral part of his community, Brooks does everything from running a family-operated snow plow and lawn care business to coaching baseball at the local high school and advocating for first responders on the floor of the Pennsylvania Capitol.

As a representative, Brooks will focus on lowering costs for American families by bringing renewable energy projects online, enacting data center reforms, and holding utility monopolies accountable for their relentless price-gouging.

Brooks joins the U.S. House after defeating Representative Ryan Mackenzie, who earned a 9% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard*.

IN HIS OWN WORDS:

"Living in the Lehigh Valley and growing up in the Berkshires, I was taught from a young age the importance of conservation and environmental stewardship. Today, I own my own snow plow business, and there's not much snow anymore. I'm all in to combat climate change.

LCVAF Questionnaire

LUKE BRONIN (D-CT-01)



Luke Bronin is a veteran and public servant who has championed environmental and climate leadership during his time as general counsel for Connecticut's former governor and as mayor of Hartford.

A Rhodes Scholar, Bronin received his master's degree from Oxford then his J.D. from Yale Law School. He also served as an intelligence officer in the Navy Reserves, assuming a position as a member of the military's anti-corruption task force during his deployment in Afghanistan. Bronin later worked to protect Americans from predatory lending practices as a senior advisor in the Treasury Department, and was then selected to be general counsel for former Governor Dannel Malloy. There, he collaborated with state agencies, including the Connecticut Green Bank to rapidly expand and deploy clean energy programs across the state. In 2015, Bronin was elected as mayor of Hartford, where he spent two terms prioritizing environmental initiatives including publishing the city's first Climate Action Plan, creating the Hartford's Office of Sustainability, and leading city-wide environmental justice initiatives.

As a representative, Bronin will fight the climate crisis by heavily investing in clean energy and battery storage while supporting local communities on adaptation efforts to mitigate extreme weather events.

Bronin joins the U.S. House after defeating Republican candidate Amy Chai to fill the seat formerly held by Representative John Larson, who earned a 94% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard.*

IN HIS OWN WORDS:

> *"The Trump administration is doubling down on dirty and inefficient fossil fuels, data centers threaten to suck up more and more energy, and our planet is on track to hit dangerous tipping points. We need a massive commitment to more affordable, clean energy*

Luke Bronin for Congress

JASMINE CLARK (D-GA-13)



Dr. Jasmine Clark is a research scientist who has used her evidence-based approach to policymaking in the Georgia House of Representatives to fight for healthy communities and champion environmental justice.

Growing up, Dr. Clark was inspired by her parents, two medical professionals, to earn her undergraduate degree in microbiology before pursuing her PhD from Emory University. After graduating, Dr. Clark served as an assistant clinical professor in the nursing school and was elected to lead the Atlanta March for Science where she mobilized the scientific community's political voice. Following the 2016 election, Dr. Clark ran for and won a seat in the Georgia House of Representatives. During her four terms, she supported efforts to tackle pollution, deliver relief to ratepayers, expand Georgia's green energy portfolio, as well as protect land for conservation. She is also a champion for democracy, fighting to protect absentee voting, Sunday voting, and voter registration.

As a representative, Dr. Clark will continue to bring her scientific expertise to policymaking by combatting pollution, protecting public health, and fighting the climate crisis. She earned a 100% score on Georgia Conservation Voters' *2019-2020 Environmental Scorecard.*

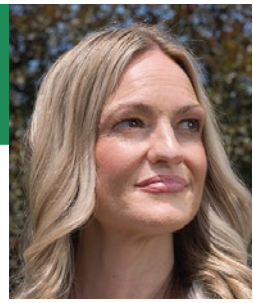
Dr. Clark joins the U.S. House to fill the open seat most recently held by the late Representative David Scott, who earned a 87% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard.*

IN HER OWN WORDS:

> *"As a scientist, I cannot stand while the Trump administration and Congressional Republicans continue to deny the facts and the science around climate change and push policies that will make things even worse. I cannot stand while the community that I raised my children in is exposed to chemical pollutants.*

LCVAF Questionnaire

PAIGE COGNETTI (D-PA-08)



As the first woman to serve as mayor of Scranton, Paige Cognetti has stood up to special interests on behalf of working families and championed climate policy to build a sustainable future.

Cognetti has spent her career fighting corruption and the needs of families. She has served as Pennsylvania auditor general, on the Scranton School Board, and in the Obama administration's Treasury Department — in each of these roles uncovering waste and bringing costs down. Cognetti was elected as mayor of Scranton in 2019, a position she still holds. During her tenure, Cognetti has helped design and implement a Climate Action Plan to reduce Scranton's emissions, improve energy efficiency, and develop climate-resilient infrastructure and agriculture. She has also worked to invest in the city's parks and public infrastructure, vocally opposing polluting corporations' efforts to extract natural resources from Pennsylvania without paying their fair share.

As a representative, Cognetti will continue to invest in climate-smart projects, protect Pennsylvania's air and water from pollution, and prevent corporations from raising energy bills and exploiting tax loopholes.

Cognetti joins the U.S. House after defeating former Representative Robert Bresnahan, who earned a 9% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard*.

IN HER OWN WORDS:

> *"I won't let corporate special interests and speculative developers take advantage of our community yet again. This is our home and we're not for sale.*
>
> *Paige Cognetti for Congress*

CAIT CONLEY (D-NY-17)



Cait Conley is a lifelong public servant and a national security expert who understands the threats that climate change and pollution pose to Americans and will fight back on behalf of New York families.

Conley, a fourth-generation Hudson Valley native, attended the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and later earned a Master of Public Policy from the Harvard Kennedy School and a Master of Business Administration from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Conley served for 16 years as an active duty Army officer, with six combat zone deployments and numerous military decorations. She went on to serve as director for counterterrorism on the National Security Council under the Biden administration and worked alongside the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency to defend the integrity of America. Drawing from her background as a national security professional, Conley recognizes the enormous threat that climate change and pollution pose to American families, jobs, and infrastructure.

As a representative, Conley will elevate climate issues and strive to restore investments in clean energy, grid modernization, and sustainable infrastructure that will bring down energy bills and protect communities. Conley is the first openly LGBTQ+ woman to represent New York in Congress.

Conley joins the U.S. House after defeating former Representative Michael Lawler, who earned a spot on LCV Victory Fund's 2026 Dirty Dozen, with a 17% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard.*

IN HER OWN WORDS:

"I promise that I will continue to do what I've done throughout my career in service, which is advocate for the safety and security of my communities and the best future possible for America. I promise to lead the charge on ensuring we tackle climate change like the national security issue it has become.

LCVAF Questionnaire

REBECCA COOKE (D-WI-03)



Rebecca Cooke is a small business owner and nonprofit leader who is committed to advocating for healthy communities and clean energy solutions.

Cooke was born and raised in Eau Claire, Wisconsin and grew up working on her family's dairy farm. After opening her own small retail business, she founded a non-profit that provides capital and assistance for small, women-owned companies across the state. Recognizing the success of Cooke's organization, Governor Tony Evers appointed her to the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation Board. As a board member, Cooke fought to address the social and economic challenges faced by rural Americans in Wisconsin. Cooke worked in deep collaboration with Wisconsin communities, local business leaders, and elected officials, and consistently heard concerns about the threats that pollution, climate change, and extreme weather pose to local farms and Wisconsinites.

As a representative, Cooke will focus on addressing PFAS water contamination and using federal funding to support clean energy projects and climate-smart agriculture solutions.

Cooke joins the U.S. House after defeating Representative Derrick Van Orden, who earned a spot on LCV Victory Fund's 2026 Dirty Dozen, with a lifetime score of 9% on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard.*

IN HER OWN WORDS:

"I'm committed to addressing the PFAS found regionally in our water and the algae blooms that continue to surface due to the runoff from factory farms, and will work to attract companies to do business here that are invested in clear energy standards.

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PIA DANDIYA (D-FL-22)



Pia Dandiya is an educator, policy professional, and community leader who recognizes the urgent need to protect South Florida's public lands and coastal communities from the impacts of climate change.

After beginning her career as a middle and high school teacher, at age 28 Dandiya was selected to become the founding principal of a public high school, making her one of the country's youngest leaders in education. Her school served predominantly low income students, and, under her leadership 100% of students earned admission to college. Dandiya's efforts led to her selection as a White House Fellow serving the Department of Education to increase all communities' access to high quality education. After serving across multiple administrations, Dandiya joined Apple to lead the company's public sector initiatives, working alongside community leaders to develop local healthcare, social work, and education solutions.

As a representative, Dandiya will champion our climate and environment by supporting communities impacted by climate change, investing in carbon-reducing energy and technology, and holding polluters accountable.

Dandiya joins the U.S. House after winning election in Florida's newly-redrawn open 22nd Congressional District, a seat formerly held by representative Lois Frankel, who earned a 98% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard.*

IN HER OWN WORDS:

"South Florida is ground zero for the climate crisis — but we can also lead the clean-energy economy that lowers costs and creates good jobs.

LCVAF Questionnaire

ZACH DEMBO (D-KY-06)



Zach Dembo is a ninth-generation Kentuckian, former Navy JAG, and civil rights lawyer dedicated to protecting Central Kentucky from corporate greed, corruption, and pollution.

After graduating from Stanford University and the University of Michigan Law School, Dembo served as a Naval Officer and spent over four years on active duty. He then continued to fight for public good as a federal prosecutor in the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division. Dembo later returned to Kentucky to join Governor Andy Beshear's legislative staff before returning to his hometown of Lexington to serve as assistant U.S. attorney. Dembo is a longtime defendant of an independent judicial system and resigned from his post in response to the Trump administration weaponizing the Justice Department. Throughout his career, Dembo has been a vocal advocate for protecting Kentucky from pollution, and stood up for rural communities when the state Legislature voted to roll back clean air and clean water protections.

As a representative, Dembo will continue to defend the civil and constitutional rights for all Kentuckians, including by holding big polluters accountable and preserving the state's public lands.

Dembo joins the U.S. House after defeating Republican candidate Ralph Alvarado. He fills the seat held by former Representative Garland "Andy" Barr, who vacated his seat to run for the U.S. Senate and earned a lifetime score of 4% on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard*.

IN HIS OWN WORDS:

> *"One of the best things about America is our park system and natural habitats, and I'll do what I can in Congress to preserve them at all costs.*

LCVAF Questionnaire

LA SHAWN K. FORD (D-IL-07)



La Shawn K. Ford is a lifelong champion of Chicago with decades of leadership advocating for working families and uplifting environmental justice communities.

Born and raised in Chicago, Ford became the first in his family to attend a four-year college and graduated from Loyola University with a degree in education. He went on to teach and coach basketball in Chicago Public Schools and obtain his real estate license before founding his own firm. In 2006, he won election to the Illinois House of Representatives, where he continues to serve after having been re-elected six times. In the state Legislature, Ford has continuously worked to undo the decades of environmental pollution and injustices burdened upon Chicago residents, and has prioritized access to clean air, clean water, and reduced energy costs. He is a leader in justice and has championed voting rights, criminal justice reform, and reparations in Illinois.

As a representative, Ford will continue fighting for equitable access to renewable energy, a clean environment, and a sustainable future. Ford received a 100% score on Illinois Environmental Council's 2026 *Environmental Scorecard.*

Ford joins the U.S. House to fill the seat of retiring Representative Danny Davis who earned a 94% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard.*

IN HIS OWN WORDS:

"I am committed to delivering clean air and water, creating union jobs, and implementing climate solutions that secure a healthier future for our children. I will always prioritize people over polluters and ensure federal resources reach the communities that need them most.

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JOHNNY GARCIA (D-TX-35)



Johnny Garcia is a deputy sheriff and lifelong San Antonio resident who has built his career around public service, accountability, and second chances.

After attending St. Philip's Community College, Garcia joined the Bexar County Sheriff's Office and began his career working in the jail leading the Inmate Worker Program to provide incarcerated individuals with job training and reintegration planning. Garcia was later selected to the SWAT Crisis Negotiation Team, where he acted as a hostage negotiator, before serving as the public information officer. In this role, he has shaped community-oriented law enforcement programs with high levels of transparency and public trust. Through community relationships, he has understood the need for a holistic safety that includes protection from skyrocketing utility bills, increasingly frequent and devastating extreme weather events, and pollutants that contaminate the air we breathe and the water we drink.

As a representative, Garcia will fight to make life safer and more affordable by investing in clean, affordable energy and battery storage to modernize our energy grid and bring down energy costs.

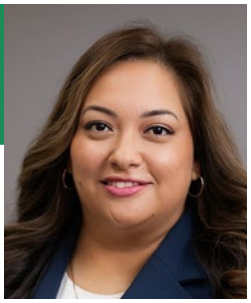
Garcia joins the U.S. House after being elected in Texas's newly-redrawn 35th Congressional District, a seat formerly held by Representative Greg Casar, who earned a 98% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard*.

IN HIS OWN WORDS:

"Here in Texas we have experienced the impacts of all sorts of extreme weather. As a Deputy Sheriff, I know how life-threatening extreme heat, floods, and storms can be and in Congress I'll find ways to keep people safe and make our communities more resilient.

LCVAF Questionnaire

PATTY GARCIA (D-IL-04)



Patty Garcia is a lifelong Chicagoan and a longtime political servant who knows the inner workings of Congress and will fight for vital climate, social, and economic justice legislation.

The daughter of immigrants, Garcia was born and raised in Chicago before receiving her undergraduate degree and then her doctorate in education policy from the University of Illinois. She immediately dedicated herself to public service, working on local political campaigns to train volunteers, develop partnerships, and mobilize voters. She went on to join the team of the fourth district's former Representative Jesús "Chuy" Garcia, where she directed operations in the district office in Chicago before serving as the congressman's Chief of Staff in D.C. In these roles, Patty Garcia led legislative efforts for an office that prioritized climate and environmental causes and championed the Inflation Reduction Act, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, and the Environmental Justice for All Act.

As a representative, Garcia will continue to advance climate and environmental justice and fight for bold action that uplifts underserved communities by lowering their costs and creating a cleaner, healthier environment.

Garcia joins the U.S. House after being elected to fill the seat of retiring former Representative Jesús "Chuy" Garcia, who earned a 97% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard*.

IN HER OWN WORDS:

"Growing up in an environmental justice community, I've witnessed first-hand the short-and-long term impacts of exposure to pollution and hazardous contaminants. Addressing climate change and protecting people from its impacts is a moral, economic, and public health imperative.

LCVAF Questionnaire

ADELITA GRIJALVA (D-AZ-07)



Adelita Grijalva has championed environmental justice efforts and protections for working Arizona families as a former county supervisor and in the U.S. House of Representatives since her special election in 2025.

After earning her degree in Political Science from the University of Arizona, Grijalva spent over 25 years working at the Pima County Teen Court to help youth through a restorative juvenile diversion program. She went on to serve on the Tucson Unified School District Governing Board, where she expanded early education opportunities and pushed against attacks on multi-cultural education. Grijalva was later elected to the Pima County Board of Supervisors, where she led the purchasing of almost 8,000 acres for public preservation, fought against the construction of highways through critical environmental corridors, and worked with county staff on local efforts to control and clean groundwater contamination by toxic PFAS chemicals. Across these efforts, she uplifted community voices and promoted an inclusive culture.

As a representative, Grijalva is working to reach out to diverse, underserved communities to improve representation in the fight for a healthier, cleaner, and more sustainable future. She has thus far earned a 100% score on LCV's National Environmental Scorecard.

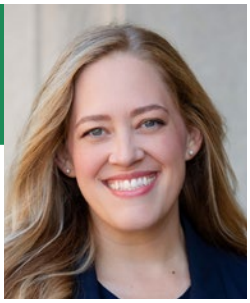
Grijalva was elected to the U.S. House in a special election in November 2025 to fill the seat of her father, the late Representative Raúl Grijalva, who earned a 97% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard.*

IN HER OWN WORDS:

"Championing environmental issues is not about telling communities what to do, but providing the resources and processes to give communities the opportunities to protect themselves.

LCVAF Questionnaire

CHRISTINA HINES (D-MI-10)



Christina Hines is a Michigan native and attorney who has proven experience supporting victims of hate crimes and assault, winning cases from local district courts to the Michigan Supreme Court.

After receiving her undergraduate degree from the University of Michigan and her law degree from Wayne State University, Hines joined the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office, where she specialized in supporting victims of abuse and trafficking and seeking justice for the perpetrators. She later became chief of the Special Victims Unit and Appeals in Washtenaw County, and introduced new trainings for law enforcement officers and practices for community responses. In this role, Hines also created an innovative restorative justice program and expanded the Fair Michigan initiative to prosecute hate crimes against the LGBTQ+ community. A working mother of three young children, Hines has dedicated her career to supporting and securing the safety of the next generation, from the communities they inhabit to the environment and climate they will inherit.

As a representative, Hines will fight back against the decimation of our environmental protections, including efforts to gut clean air and water safeguards, block approved clean energy projects and jobs, and dismantle public lands protections.

Hines joins the U.S. House after defeating Republican candidate Michael Bouchard to fill the seat of former Representative John Hanes, who vacated his seat to run for Michigan governor and earned a 7% lifetime score on LCV'S *National Environmental Scorecard.*

IN HER OWN WORDS:

"Investing in clean energy, resilient infrastructure, and modern manufacturing is both the right thing for our kids and the smart thing for us. These investments strengthen our middle class, reduce our dependence on foreign adversaries, and help build a safer, more stable world for the next generation.

LCVAF Questionnaire

JACQUI IRWIN (D-CA-26)



Jacqui Irwin is an experienced legislator with a proven track record on environmental and climate issues, including leading climate policy negotiations in California's state Assembly.

After graduating from UC San Diego and working as an engineer, Irwin began a life of public service at the local level: on the Thousand Oaks City Council. Over her two terms as mayor, Irwin sponsored efforts to construct wastewater treatment plants powered by renewable energy, an innovative design that went on to become a national model. She was then elected to the California State Assembly, where she has since been re-elected to serve for seven terms. Across her elected roles Irwin has continued to champion climate and environmental causes. Irwin notably led Assembly negotiations on the reauthorization of California's Cap and Trade program that limits statewide greenhouse gas emissions, authored legislation that increases clean energy deployment, and stood up for communities that have been disproportionately impacted by pollution and Superfund sites.

As a representative, Irwin will continue to champion environmental causes, and will urgently work to create meaningful climate solutions grounded in affordable, clean energy. Irwin earned a 89% lifetime score on California Environmental Voters' *Environmental Scorecard* while in the California State Assembly.

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

IN HER OWN WORDS:

"My priorities in Congress will be advocating for strong climate action and wide scale deployment of clean energy resources, as well as public land protection. I will work on these priorities by listening and seeking out a variety of opinions to find opportunities for collaboration to achieve results.

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LINDSAY JAMES (D-IA-02)



Lindsay James is a former chaplain and Iowa state legislator who will bring her commitment to healthy communities and service to Congress.

James earned her bachelor's degree from Santa Clara University before pursuing her Masters of Divinity from Fuller Theological Seminary. She went on to serve as a minister, interfaith chaplain, and an associate pastor across the country before settling in Iowa. In 2018, James was elected to the Iowa House of Representatives, where she has served since. In the state Legislature, she serves on the Environmental Protection Committee, and has been a vocal advocate for cleaning Iowa's contaminated air and water. James championed the Iowa Healthy Water Act that restores a fundamental water quality monitoring system and prevents run-off from farms. Additionally, she has regularly called out utility companies for their out-of-date operations that pass enormous costs along to ratepayers.

As a representative, James will continue to prioritize the health of communities around Iowa by cleaning up toxic chemicals and promoting programs to ensure clean air and water for years to come.

James joins the U.S. House after defeating Republican candidate Joe Mitchell, to fill the seat of former Representative Ashley Hinson, who vacated the seat to run for the U.S. Senate and earned a 8% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard.*

IN HER OWN WORDS:

"Everyday families deserve to have clean air, water, and land. Our farmers deserve to be able to pass good quality land and soil to the next generation. I am committed to ensuring that Iowans today, tomorrow, and for generations to come are able to live, grow, and enjoy their environment.

LCVAF Questionnaire

JESSICA KILLIN (D-CO-05)



Jessica Killin is a fourth-generation Coloradan and former Army Paratrooper who has dedicated her career to serving the U.S. and supporting military families.

After receiving her undergraduate degree on a ROTC scholarship, Killin was deployed overseas and served as a captain and paratrooper in the U.S. Army, leading peacekeeping missions throughout Europe and the Balkans. She went on to earn her law degree at Georgetown before working at USAA to support military families following the 2008 financial crisis. Killin later worked in various congressional offices and as chief of staff for former Second Gentleman Doug Emhoff. Across her career inside and outside of the government, Killin has protected American families by making life more affordable, advocating for public lands, and prioritizing healthy environments for all.

As a representative, Killin will protect Colorado's public lands and the federal agencies that manage them to ensure a clean and healthy environment for generations to come.

Killin joins the U.S. House after defeating former Representative Jeff Crank who earned a 0% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard*.

IN HER OWN WORDS:

> *"As a fourth-generation Coloradan, I believe protecting our state's clean air and water is a fundamental responsibility because our economy, health, and way of life are inseparable from the land around us. We must protect our lands and way of life for future generations.*

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DAN KOH (D-MA-06)



Dan Koh is an experienced policy expert and was crucial in the Biden-Harris administration's crafting, passing, and implementing landmark clean energy and infrastructure funding.

After earning his undergraduate and MBA degrees from Harvard, Koh worked as chief of staff for former Boston Mayor Marty Walsh, helping the administration's initiatives advancing affordable housing, education access, and good-paying jobs. He was later elected to the Andover Select Board, where he expanded the town's clean energy options and went on to serve as vice chair. Koh was then selected for several senior-level roles in President Biden's Cabinet, and worked closely on the administration's agenda to deploy clean energy and build resilient infrastructure while creating union jobs. Beyond his public service work, Koh also served in executive roles for the technology firm HqO and the Huffington Post Media Group, and founded "The People's Cabinet," a digital media organization that hosts podcasts pushing back against the Trump administration.

As a representative, Koh will fight for clean air and safe drinking water across Massachusetts by appropriately funding environmental agencies and holding Big Polluters accountable for their damages to community and environmental health. Koh is the first Asian American to represent Massachusetts in Congress.

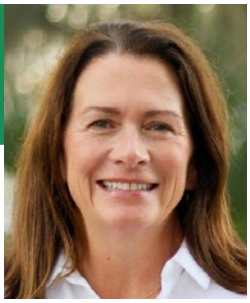
Koh joins the U.S. House to fill the seat of former Representative Seth Moulton, who earned a 96% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard* and vacated his seat to run for the U.S. Senate.

IN HIS OWN WORDS:

"I want my children to grow up in an America that values its public lands and waters. I want them to breathe clean air and ride on a fast public transportation system. I want them to go to our National Parks and tell me the names of all the animals who inhabit it. Climate action should be personal to all of us.

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NANCY LACORE (D-SC-01)



Nancy Lacore is a former chief of the Navy Reserve and three-star admiral who is ready to use her decades of service and leadership to fight for the environments, small businesses, and communities on the frontlines of climate change.

After earning her degree from College of the Holy Cross with an ROTC scholarship, Lacore began her 35-year career in the Navy. Working her way through the ranks, she began as a helicopter pilot and was ultimately made a three-star admiral and chief of the Navy Reserve, leading over 60,000 servicemembers. As a reservist, she also worked to protect the lives and legacies of veterans, founding the nonprofit Valor Run that honored women killed in action in Iraq and Afghanistan. Lacore's push to politics came after Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth removed her as chief with no explanation nor cause. Lacore fought back, launching a successful campaign rooted in service, democracy, and integrity.

As a representative, Lacore will fight against dirty drilling off the coast, and for investments in clean, affordable energy that will save lives and money for all South Carolinians.

Lacore joins the U.S. House to fill the seat of retiring former Representative Nancy Mace, who earned a 19% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard*.

IN HER OWN WORDS:

"Living in the Lowcountry, you don't have to be convinced climate change is real. We see the flooding, stronger storms, and rising insurance costs already affecting our communities. Protecting our coast means protecting the people, businesses, and local economies that depend on it.

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BRAD LANDER (D-NY-10)



Brad Lander is a lifelong organizer, and public servant who has championed clean energy, climate-smart investments, holding corrupt politicians accountable, and environmental protections throughout his career.

Lander organized his first march in Washington D.C. as a teenager, and remained politically active while earning his undergraduate degree at the University of Chicago and his master's degrees from University College London and the Pratt Institute in New York. After leading two community development nonprofits across two decades to facilitate New Yorkers' access to government resources and affordable housing, Lander was elected to the City Council. There, he invested in environmental remediation efforts, fought for labor rights, and campaigned relentlessly for the successful effort to ban single-use plastic bags. He later served as comptroller, creating programs that invested in public rooftop solar, defending congestion pricing to support public transit, and leading divestment of the city's public pension fund from fossil fuel corporations and into clean, climate-friendly investments.

As a representative, Lander will continue to champion accountability for corporate polluters while advancing clean job creation and economic justice. During his 12 years on New York City Council, Lander earned a 95% score on New York LCV's NYC Council Environmental Scorecard.

Lander joins the U.S. House after defeating Republican candidate Jennifer Moore to fill the seat formerly held by Representative Dan Goldman, who earned a 100% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard.*

IN HIS OWN WORDS:

"As a Congressmember, I will organize, advocate, and legislate to prevent emissions and climate change but also to invest in the resilient infrastructure needed to protect this district from the impact of increasingly devastating weather. I will continue working side by side with my neighbors to protect the land, water, and air that we share and cherish.

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MICAH LASHER (D-NY-12)



Micah Lasher is a dedicated public servant who has advocated for a sustainable, climate-resilient future.

After earning his undergraduate degree from New York University, Lasher worked as an aide and community liaison for Congressman Jerry Nadler before serving as chief of staff for New York State Attorney General Eric Schneiderman. In this role, Lasher led the state's case against Peabody Energy Corporation's efforts to minimize the proven impacts of climate change. Lasher went on to serve as director of state legislative affairs for then New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg and as Governor Kathy Hochul's directory of policy, during which he continued to advance climate priorities, including incentives to deploy wind and solar energy projects, programs to decrease building emissions, and plans for accessible public parks. Since his election to the New York State Assembly in 2024, Lasher has advocated for a pro-climate and pro-environment agenda while continuing to lead a nonprofit organization dedicated to protecting Riverside Park.

As a representative, Lasher will work to fight the climate crisis and champion clean energy and invest in climate-resilient infrastructure. Lasher earned a 100% 2025 score on New York LCV's State Environmental Scorecard during his time as an Assembly member.

Lasher joins the U.S. House to fill the open seat of retiring Representative Jerry Nadler, who earned a 98% lifetime score on LCV's N*ational Environmental Scorecard.*

IN HIS OWN WORDS:

"Micah Lasher believes few priorities are as urgent as the battle against climate change. His commitment to the fight goes back to his time in the State Attorney General's office tackling climate denialism by Big Oil and includes local efforts like initiatives to mitigate flooding and erosion as Chair of the Riverside Park Conservancy.

Micah Lasher for Congress

WILLIAM LAWRENCE (D-MI-07)



William Lawrence is a lifelong climate activist who has dedicated his career to developing and advocating for progressive climate policies while uplifting underserved communities.

Lawrence earned his degree in sociology and anthropology from Swarthmore College, where he led campus activism in fossil fuel divestment. Upon graduation, he immediately continued his climate organizing, and co-founded the Sunrise Movement in 2015. With the Sunrise Movement, Lawrence led a national organization focused on climate and renewable energy advocacy work, managing civil disobedience efforts and working to elect candidates prioritizing climate action. Their organizing culminated in a broad climate and environmental policy platform that was the foundation for the Green New Deal. Lawrence then founded another nonprofit focused on housing and rent advocacy in Michigan, and acted as a coordinator for the Michigan Rent Is Too Damn High Coalition. Here, he has fought for renter protections and worked with families from across the state to avoid homelessness.

As a representative, Lawrence will continue championing climate and environment issues by building out affordable and clean energy, fighting greedy data centers, and restoring Michigan's wetlands and rivers.

Lawrence joins the U.S. House after defeating former Representative Tom Barrett in the general election, who earned a 0% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard.*

IN HIS OWN WORDS:

"I learned about climate change when I was 12 years old and spent the next 18 years working to stop it. I will fight for investment to secure the climate we depend on, adapt to the changes we can't prevent, create jobs, and drive our energy bills down.

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MATT LITTLE (D-MN-02)



Matt Little is a lifelong Minnesotan and a former mayor and state senator, who will bring to Congress his decades of experience holding corporations accountable and fighting for climate and environmental protections.

After earning his bachelor's and law degree from the University of Minnesota, Little was elected as mayor of Lakeville, his hometown, at just 27 years old. He went on to serve in the Minnesota Senate, where he championed climate policy, sponsoring legislation to push the state towards 100% renewable energy by 2040 and investing in energy storage projects to bring down utility bills. Inspired by his mom's years-long fights with insurance companies to receive healthcare, Little built his own law firm to fight corporate insurers on behalf of seniors and those with disabilities. Little has been a vocal advocate for the protection of Minnesota's public lands, and has opposed plans to expand mining near Minnesota's Boundary Waters Wilderness.

As a representative, Little will continue to champion climate issues while holding corporations accountable, including by restoring tax incentives for renewable energy projects and electric vehicles while stripping these breaks from polluting data centers.

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

IN HIS OWN WORDS:

> *"Climate change is an existential threat to our planet and our way of life. We can't defeat Trump's agenda by compromising our progressive values with Band-Aid solutions and half-measures. We have to win, and we will win by fighting for real change.*

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ELAINE LURIA (D-VA-02)



Elaine Luria is a veteran of the U.S. Navy, small business owner, and former member of the U.S. House who has championed affordability, climate, and clean energy.

After graduating from the U.S. Naval Academy with degrees in physics and history, Luria 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. After retiring with the rank of commander, Luria began a small business in Hampton Roads. In 2018, she was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives, where she served for four years. As a representative, Luria championed climate and environmental causes for Virginia, co-chairing a task force on addressing climate change, making historic investments in renewable energy through the Inflation Reduction Act, helping to found the Bipartisan Offshore Wind Caucus, and serving on the Congressional Solar Caucus.

As a representative, Luria will continue to protect and serve by advocating for clean energy projects that relieve utility costs while securing a safe and sustainable future. During her previous terms in Congress, Luria earned a 97% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard.*

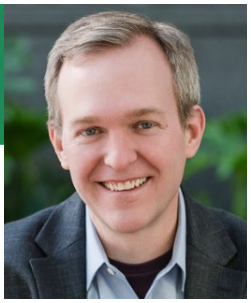
Luria rejoins the U.S. House after defeating former Representative Jen Kiggans, who earned an 11% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard.*

IN HER OWN WORDS:

"Here in Coastal Virginia, the environment is crucial to our economy, culture, and way of life. We must preserve and protect our coastlines and the Chesapeake Bay to preserve and protect our communities, businesses, and future.

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BEN MCADAMS (D-UT-01)



Ben McAdams is a seventh-generation Utahn who has dedicated his life to public service and delivering for Utah communities.

After earning his law degree from Columbia Law School, McAdams returned to Utah to begin his legal career. He soon entered politics, serving as an advisor to Salt Lake City Mayor Ralph Becker before winning a seat in the Utah Senate. McAdams served in the state Senate for four years, where he developed landmark LGBTQ+ non-discrimination legislation, before winning election to be Salt Lake City mayor. As mayor, he fought to support programs for the homeless, increased funding for parks and recreation facilities, and opposed the construction of a corporate data center. In 2018, McAdams was elected to the U.S. House, and continued to champion environmental and social justice issues, including accelerating solar energy research, reducing smog pollution, modernizing the electrical grid, and investing in transportation infrastructure.

As a representative, McAdams will once again fight to put Utah at the forefront of the green economy while protecting the state's critical natural resources and public lands from drought, wildfire, and exploitation. During his previous term in Congress, McAdams earned a 82% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard.*

McAdams rejoins the U.S. House after winning election in Utah's newly-redrawn open First Congressional District, previously served by Representative Blake Moore, who earned a 7% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard.*

IN HIS OWN WORDS:

"Climate change is an existential threat that demands our immediate attention. I will work in Congress to curb greenhouse gas emissions and address the many other environmental crises facing our state so that our kids can breathe clean air, enjoy nature, and inherit a prosperous future.

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SEAN MCCANN (D-MI-04)



Sean McCann is a lifelong Michigander and experienced civic leader who has a prolific record of defending and supporting the environment across his career.

After graduating from Western Michigan University, McCann quickly pursued public service, and joined the Kalamazoo City Commission, where, for ten years, he led his community and specialized in disaster relief efforts. He was elected to the Michigan House in 2010, where he served for four years, before going on to serve in the Michigan Senate for another eight years. In both chambers, McCann championed environmental protections and civil rights. He was instrumental in repealing Michigan's "No Stricter Than Federal" legislation and paved the path for his state to pursue more protective climate and environmental standards. McCann also chaired the Energy and Environment Committee in the Michigan Senate, and used his platform to transition the state away from dirty energy and investigate coal power plants that were illegally kept open despite their high pollution and costs.

As a representative, McCann will continue to hold polluters accountable while investing in clean energy production and sensible environmental protections. McCann earned a 95% lifetime score from Michigan League of Conservation Voters as a state senator.

McCann joins the U.S. House after defeating former Representative Bill Huizenga who earned a 6% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard.*

IN HIS OWN WORDS:

> *"Here in Michigan we know the importance of protecting our water, air, and land for our kids and the generations to come. I've always stood up to corporate polluters and taken on anyone who puts profits before people.*

@SeanAMcCann on X

MIKE MCGUIRE (D-CA-01)



Mike McGuire is a proven legislator and climate champion who, as president of the California Senate, has led some of the nation's most aggressive and successful climate and environmental policies.

Drawn to public service, McGuire was elected to his local school board at the age of 19 and immediately began advocating for improved educational infrastructure and resources. McGuire continued to work his way through local and state government, on the Healdsburg City Council, as the city's youngest ever mayor, on the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors, and finally in the California State Senate. Since 2014, he has led the assembly's environmental policies. As president pro tempore, McGuire pushed forward the Safe Drinking Water, Climate Resilience, and Environmental Justice Bond, invested in California's wildfire fighting and prevention, and provided massive electric bill rebates to families across the state.

As a representative, McGuire will continue to champion climate and environmental causes, from holding polluters accountable to restoring successful climate and clean energy policies to rebuilding an EPA that enforces meaningful environmental safeguards. McGuire earned a 95% lifetime score on California Environmental Voters' *Environmental Scorecard* over his decade in the state assembly.

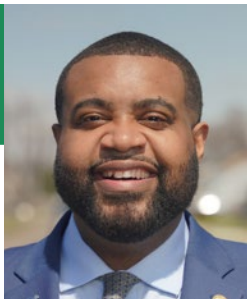
McGuire joins the U.S. House after defeating former Representative James Gallagher, who won in a special election in 2026 to fill the open seat of the late former Representative Doug LaMalfa, who earned a 2% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard.*

IN HIS OWN WORDS:

> *"I have committed my life to championing nation-leading climate policies at the local and state levels, protecting some of the most sensitive lands and watersheds, taking on corporate utilities, and advancing some of the nation's toughest environmental protections.*

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DONAVAN MCKINNEY (D-MI-13)



Donavan McKinney is a strong supporter of bold climate action who has fought for water accessibility and affordability as a member of Michigan's first Environmental Justice Council and Michigan's House of Representatives.

After earning a public policy degree from the University of Michigan, McKinney worked as a legislative director in the state legislature, in community engagement for the Community Development Advocates of Detroit nonprofit, and as a healthcare organizer in the Michigan Service Employees International Union. Following his appointment to the Environmental Justice Council, McKinney was instrumental in Governor Gretchen Whitmer's $2 Million Water Restart Grant Program and her statewide Water Reconnection Executive Order during the COVID-19 pandemic. He also worked to fund over $600 million to replace lead pipes in Detroit and its suburbs. McKinney was elected to the Michigan House in 2022, where he championed bills that would prohibit campaign contributions from utility companies and advocated for increased credits for consumers after experiencing extended power outages.

As a representative, McKinney will support a transition to 100% clean and renewable energy as well as expanded public transit to protect our planet's future and create millions of good-paying green jobs in Michigan. McKinney earned a 95% lifetime score on Michigan LCV's Scorecard as a state representative.

McKinney joins the U.S. House after defeating Republican candidate T.P. Nykoriak to fill the seat formerly held by Representative Shri Thanedar, who earned a 99% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard.*

IN HIS OWN WORDS:

"Climate justice, environmental equity, and democratic integrity are not just policy priorities, they're personal commitments. Our district bears the brunt of pollution, infrastructure neglect, and disinvestment. We deserve clean water, breathable air, walkable neighborhoods, green jobs, and a government that protects the people, not polluters.

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DONNA MILLER (D-IL-02)



Donna Miller is a lifelong advocate for Illinois communities who has dedicated her life to uplifting Chicago-area families and protecting public and environmental health and well-being.

After graduating from Howard University, Miller worked in the biotech pharmaceutical healthcare industry before serving on the board and later as board chair of both Planned Parenthood Illinois and Planned Parenthood Illinois Action. Continuing to champion public health issues, she was chosen to serve on former Representative Robin Kelly's Healthcare Task Force. Miller additionally acted as the vice president of Illinois Democratic Women and was a member Democratic National Committee Rules Committee. In 2018, Miller was elected to the Cook County Board of Commissioners, where she was a leading voice for COVID-19 relief funding, food insecurity programs, and the Justice40 Initiative that leveraged federal funding for environmental justice communities locally. Across her career, she has been an outspoken leader on health equity and the disparity of care received by women of color.

As a representative, Miller will continue to champion healthy communities by advancing legislation that reduces plastic usage, ensures clean air and water, and holds corporations accountable for their pollutants.

Miller joins the U.S. House to fill the seat of Representative Robin Kelly, who vacated her seat to run for the U.S. Senate, and earned a 96% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard.*

IN HER OWN WORDS:

> *"I believe environmental justice is economic justice, public health justice, and racial justice. That's why I'll continue fighting for investments in clean energy, sustainable infrastructure, and policies that protect both our planet and our communities.*

Donna for Congress (Instagram)

JEREMY MOSS (D-MI-11)



Jeremy Moss is a lifelong Michigander and leader in the Michigan House and Senate who is committed to deploying clean energy as a climate solution that lowers costs while protecting our environment.

Moss began his career in public service as an undergraduate at Michigan State University, where he led several humanitarian missions to help communities in New Orleans, South America, and South Africa. At age 25, he was elected to be the youngest ever member of the Southfield City Council, where he served before winning election to the Michigan Legislature in 2014. Moss held leadership positions in both the Michigan House and Senate, and was an outspoken champion for numerous environmental and climate proposals. Moss' leadership helped Michigan develop plans for an energy transition that decreases costs for consumers while investing in a climate-smart future, allowed the state to develop stringent air and water protections, and pushed for new guidelines on cleanup procedures for contaminated sites.

As a representative, Moss will build upon his years of work advancing a clean energy economy, defending communities from climate disasters, and establishing rigorous environmental protections. Moss earned a 98% lifetime score from Michigan LCV's Scorecard as a state representative. He is the first LGBTQ+ person to represent Michigan in Congress.

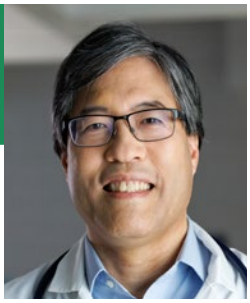
Moss joins the U.S. House to fill the seat of former Representative Haley Stevens, who earned a 98% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard* and vacated her seat to run for the U.S. Senate.

IN HIS OWN WORDS:

> *"We have a moral imperative to make progress towards a clean energy grid, enact strong environmental protections, and better prepare our communities for extreme weather events.*

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RICHARD PAN (D-CA-06)



Dr. Richard Pan is an accomplished physician who has pushed for bold action to fight climate change and for healthy communities in the California State Assembly and State Senate.

After graduating with an M.D. from the University of Pittsburgh and a Master's of Public Health from Harvard University, Dr. Pan served patients as a physician, helping lead UC Davis' Pediatric Residency Program and founding a grassroots initiative connecting pediatricians with local neighborhoods. Dr. Pan served in both the California state Assembly and state Senate, where he prioritized environmental health as key to better public health. As a state legislator, Dr. Pan worked to push California to clean electricity sources, supported comprehensive climate planning programs, and advanced legislation on flood protection and habitat restoration. He was the Senate's leading voice for community health, and defended clean air and water protections that reduce pollution while standing up to Robert F. Kennedy Jr.'s anti-vaccine attacks.

As a representative, Dr. Pan will continue championing public and environmental health, working to prevent climate disasters before they happen, and prioritizing climate-smart policies that lower costs for families. During his time in the California Assembly and Senate, Dr. Pan received a lifetime score of 83% on California Environmental Voters' *Environmental Scorecard.*

Dr. Pan joins the U.S. House after winning election in California's newly-redrawn open Sixth Congressional District, a seat formerly held by Representative Ami Bera, who earned a 95% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard.*

IN HIS OWN WORDS:

"Protecting the environment is part of protecting public health and lowering long-term costs. Throughout my career, I have supported evidence-based policies that reduce pollution and invest in prevention, and I will bring that same approach to Congress.

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BRIAN POINDEXTER (D-OH-07)



Brian Poindexter is an experienced union advocate, ironworker, and community leader who is committed to fighting for working families by reducing utility bills and promoting a clean energy economy.

After working dozens of jobs in machine shops, kitchens, and factories, Poindexter became a proud union ironworker in 2007. While completing the apprenticeship program, Poindexter simultaneously earned his associate degree in Applied Industrial Technology. He then became a union organizer, fighting for labor rights and worker representation. As an ironworker, he has managed some of Ohio's largest jobs, including infrastructure at NASA's Glenn Research Center. In 2017, Poindexter put his community leadership to the test and won a seat on the Brook Park City Council, where he has been a vocal advocate for labor laws and public schools. Having spent his career in and around infrastructure, Poindexter understands the need for efficient, climate-smart systems that support the needs of communities and workers today and in the changing future.

As a representative, Pointdexter will continue to fight for critical tax credits and programs that support the expansion of clean energy, the deployment of electric vehicles, and the associated growth of union-backed green jobs.

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

IN HIS OWN WORDS:

> *"Cutting emissions while providing employment and opportunities is necessary as we continue to increase our energy needs. We need to build a sustainable economy that does not rob from future generations, while maintaining opportunities and increasing worker wages and worker protections.*

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DENISE POWELL (D-NE-02)



Denise Powell is a fierce advocate for Nebraska's small businesses, public schools, and healthcare who will bring her organizing skills to Congress to lower energy bills and fight for a cleaner economy.

After building a successful career in corporate America while supporting her family, Powell pivoted to uplifting her community through political action. In 2016, Powell created an organization that has empowered hundreds of women across Nebraska to organize, lead community projects, and run for local office. She has led the state's efforts to invest in public schools and fought back against attempts to restrict reproductive healthcare rights. Powell is deeply familiar with the problems facing working Nebraskans, and has championed protecting families from deteriorating drinking water quality across the state and skyrocketing utility bills.

As a representative, Powell will fight to protect the health of Nebraska's communities while working to lower working families' costs with smart investments in renewable energy.

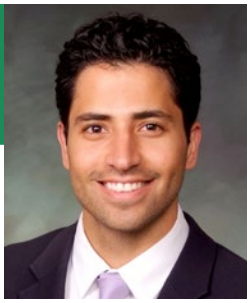
Powell joins the U.S. House to fill the seat of retiring Representative Don Bacon, who earned a 15% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard.*

IN HER OWN WORDS:

> *"In Congress, I will expand clean energy production to bring down costs in the short term while protecting our environment in the long run.*

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MANNY RUTINEL (D-CO-08)



Manny Rutinel is an environmental attorney and member of the Colorado House of Representatives who has championed affordable housing, environmental justice, and healthcare access for working-class families.

After earning his undergraduate degree in microbiology and economics, Rutinel worked as an economist for the Army Corps of Engineers where he served communities in need, including as a First Responder following Hurricane Maria. He went on to earn his masters in economics from Johns Hopkins University and his law degree from Yale Law School before becoming an environmental attorney for EarthJustice. After years fighting corporate polluters and standing up for American communities, Rutinel founded a nonprofit that drove pollution reductions through facilitating plant-based meat substitutions. In 2023, Rutinel joined the Colorado House of Representatives, where he has worked to ban the sale of toxic "forever chemicals," increase pollution monitoring, and create initiatives to expand tax credits and affordable housing for low-income families.

As a representative, Rutinel will continue to champion climate and environmental issues, advancing clean energy as an affordable, reliable solution while standing up for previously underserved, overpolluted communities.

Rutinel joins the U.S. House after defeating former Representative Gabe Evans, who earned a spot on LCV Victory Fund's 2026 Dirty Dozen with a 6% lifetime score LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard.*

IN HIS OWN WORDS:

> *"As a former environmental attorney, I believe that bold action is needed to transition to clean energy, protect our natural resources, and ensure environmental justice for all communities—especially those most affected by pollution and climate change.*

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STEFANY SHAHEEN (D-NH-01)



Stefany Shaheen is a national healthcare advocate, community leader, and entrepreneur who has championed the right to a clean, healthy environment for all Granite Staters.

Shaheen, who earned her undergraduate degree from Fairfield University and graduate degrees from MIT and Harvard, charted a different life's path when her daughter was diagnosed with type 1 diabetes at eight years old. Shaheen devoted herself to supporting those with chronic disease and developing regenerative medicines and therapies for folks living with long-term illnesses. She helped found a small business to connect patients with clinical support, wrote a best-selling book on her personal experiences, and raised awareness on the importance of access to a nutritious diet and healthy environment. In 2014, Shaheen was elected to serve on the Portsmouth City Council, where she fought for testing of the local water supply for toxic "forever chemicals." Shaheen was later appointed to the New Hampshire's Commission on the Status of Women and the Portsmouth Police Commission.

As a representative, Shaheen will continue to protect clean drinking water, lower utility costs, and hold the Trump administration accountable for illegal rollbacks of critical environmental protections.

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

IN HER OWN WORDS:

"I am committed to fighting for investments in local, clean, renewable energy production and enhanced energy efficiency measures that will have a meaningful impact on family budgets while mitigating the impacts of climate change.

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HILDA SOLIS (D-CA-38)



Hilda Solis is a daughter of farmworkers and has championed climate and environmental justice throughout her career in public service.

After earning her Master's in Public Administration, Solis worked across administrations at the White House Office of Hispanic Affairs and the Office of Management and Budget. In California, she was elected to the state Assembly and then the state Senate, where she drew on her childhood experiences by the Puente Hills Landfill and prioritized environmental justice, requiring the California EPA to address environmental inequities and authoring the state's innovative Green Jobs Act — earning her the prestigious John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Award. She was then elected to the U.S. House, where she served on the Energy Independence and Global Warming select committee and secured expanded public lands protections. Solis was then confirmed as the U.S. secretary of Labor in the Obama administration and continued to support a green economy transition. She returned to California, winning election as an LA County supervisor and procuring cleanup funds for lead battery recycling contamination.

As a representative, Solis will continue to champion environmental justice, support communities impacted by climate impacts, and help create good-paying, clean energy jobs. During her previous terms in Congress, Solis earned a 97% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard.*

Solis rejoins the U.S. House after winning election in California's newly-redrawn open 38th Congressional District, a seat formerly held by Representative Linda Sanchez, who earned a 95% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard.*

IN HER OWN WORDS:

"Climate change and safeguarding against the impacts of environmental health risks have been guiding principles throughout my career in elected office. As Trump calls climate change a hoax and reverses decades of policies, I believe we have an obligation to fight.

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JANELLE STELSON (D-PA-10)



Janelle Stelson is a decorated television journalist who was inspired to run for office to protect our democracy and advance solutions to climate change.

After graduating from the University of Puget Sound, Stelson spent nearly four decades as a journalist in Pennsylvania, including 26 years as an anchor for the Harrisburg media market's highest-rated news show. During this time, Stelson's award-winning, nonpartisan approach to get to the bottom of issues gained her the trust and confidence of her fellow Pennsylvanians and a reputation as someone who will listen and fight for the things they care about. She believes the federal government must address climate change and its impacts, particularly on rural areas, codify a woman's right to reproductive healthcare, and tackle gun violence.

As a representative, Stelson will fight to protect our democracy and advance a commonsense approach to addressing climate change centered on justice and equity.

Stelson joins the U.S. House after defeating former Representative Scott Perry, who earned a spot on LCV Victory Fund's 2026 Dirty Dozen with a 3% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard.*

IN HER OWN WORDS:

"Denying common sense and science will not protect our communities, our jobs, our climate and the places we love here in Central Pennsylvania.

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SHANNON TAYLOR (D-VA-01)



Shannon Taylor is a lifelong Virginian and Henrico County's top attorney who is ready to take her legal expertise to Congress to fight against corruption and restore meaningful climate and environmental protections.

After earning her law degree from the University of Richmond School of Law and building up her career as an attorney, Taylor was elected as the commonwealth attorney of Henrico County, a position she has now held for 14 years. As the county's top prosecutor, Taylor led efforts to reduce and prevent gun violence, halt and reverse the growing opioid epidemic, and support victims of human trafficking. After the U.S. Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade, she led the state's fight for women's access to reproductive care. Taylor has long used the power of the law to fight corruption and seek just, equitable outcomes — an approach she will continue to use in Congress to stand up for Virginians and their environment.

As a representative, Taylor is committed to tackling utility bills by standing up to special interests and data center construction while directing investments into affordable, reliable clean energy.

Taylor joins the U.S. House after defeating former Representative Rob Wittman who earned a 9% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard*.

IN HER OWN WORDS:

> *"I will fight back against efforts to roll back climate progress and environmental protections, strengthen and enforce our environmental laws, and ensure they work for the people they are meant to protect. The future of our planet demands nothing less than serious, sustained action.*

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SARAH TRONE GARRIOTT (D-IA-03)



Sarah Trone Garriott is a lifelong public servant who has dedicated herself to her community throughout her career as a minister, nonprofit leader, and state senator.

After earning her undergraduate degree, Trone Garriott supported victims of domestic violence as an AmeriCorps volunteer. She later pursued advanced degrees from the Harvard Divinity School, and the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago before serving as a hospital chaplain. Inspired by her time as a chaplain, Trone Garriott went on to serve as a pastor for a rural Virginia congregation before leading an Iowan Lutheran Church. In her role as coordinator of interfaith engagement the Des Moines Area Religious Council Food Pantry Network, Trone Garriott fought to address food insecurity. In 2020, Trone Garriott was elected to the Iowa State Senate, where she championed access to clean air and water, accessible and affordable healthcare, and support for public schools. Trone Garriott was a keynote speaker at Celebrate Iowa's Outdoors Days and has been an outspoken advocate against the sell-off of public lands.

As a representative, Trone Garriott will prioritize investments in Iowa's clean energy portfolio, climate-smart agriculture, and resilient infrastructure projects while fighting back against efforts to undermine federal agencies.

Trone Garriott joins the U.S. House after defeating former Representative Zach Nunn, who earned a 6% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard.*

IN HER OWN WORDS:

"As a mom raising two boys in West Des Moines, I want them to grow up in an Iowa where the water is safe to drink, family farms can thrive in a changing climate, and our state continues to lead the nation in clean energy."

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CLAIRE VALDEZ (D-NY-07)



Claire Valdez is a union leader, artist, and member of the New York State Assembly who has championed working communities and will fight for a livable and equitable future.

After studying at the Art Institute of Chicago, Valdez joined the staff of the Columbia University visual arts program and became an organizer for her labor union. Valdez was soon elected as her local's Union Chair and expanded her advocacy to city-wide reforms, leading a coalition to support the Build Public Renewables Act to develop large-scale renewable energy projects. The bill was successfully signed into law in 2023 by Governor Kathy Hochul. In 2024, Valdez won election to the New York State Assembly, where she served on the Committee on Tourism, Parks, Arts, and Sports Development. Valdez has been an outspoken advocate for the environmental justice communities, fighting back against efforts to route heavy-duty trucks and resulting toxic air pollution through low-income neighborhoods.

As a representative, Valdez will fight for a just, sustainable future powered by clean energy and union-built, climate-smart infrastructure. Valdez earned a 92% score in 2025 on New York LCV's State Environmental Scorecard during her time as an Assembly member. She is the first Indigenous person to represent New York in Congress.

Valdez joins the U.S. House to fill the open seat held by retiring Representative Nydia Velázquez, who earned a 95% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard.*

IN HER OWN WORDS:

"Clean energy is effective, affordable, and endlessly renewable, and I will unequivocally support installing and scaling renewable energy as a publicly-owned, primary solution to the fossil fuel industry and rising utility cost.

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MARNI VON WILPERT (D-CA-48)



Marni von Wilpert is an attorney and San Diego city counselor who has used her platform to highlight the extreme threats that climate change and corporate polluters pose to all communities in the United States and California.

After receiving her undergraduate degree from UC Berkeley, von Wilpert served as a Peace Corps volunteer, supporting communities during the AIDS crisis in Botswana, before going on to earn her law degree from Fordham. She later worked alongside the Mississippi Center for Justice to create a legal clinic that fought racial discrimination in the Deep South, as an attorney for the National Labor Relations Board, and as counsel at the Economic Policy Institute. In 2018, von Wilpert was selected to serve as San Diego's deputy city attorney, where she made substantive efforts to hold polluters accountable for ozone and particulate pollution harming local communities. In 2020, she was elected to the San Diego City Council, where she has spent the last five years promoting clean energy, sustainable transportation, and climate equity programs.

As a representative, Wilpert will continue to hold polluters accountable, fight plans to drill off the California coast, and invest in clean energy solutions that lower costs and create good-paying jobs.

Wilpert joins the U.S. House to fill the open seat most recently held by the retiring Representative Darrell Issa, who earned a 4% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard.*

IN HER OWN WORDS:

> *"In San Diego, we have experienced increased flooding and wildfires that have destroyed my constituents' homes and caused millions of dollars of damage to our community. The threat of climate change — and our inaction — is not theoretical, It is real and I am passionate about taking real action to stop it.*

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RANDY VILLEGAS (D-CA-22)



Randy Villegas is a school board trustee, teacher, and community advocate who understands the threat that climate change poses to Californians and the role of clean energy and corporate accountability in fighting back.

After earning his bachelor's degree from CSU Bakersfield, Villegas received his graduate and doctorate degrees at UC Santa Cruz. At just 25 years old, Villegas became a professor at the College of the Sequoias, where he teaches political science. His mentorship and activity on campus, including hosting public speakers and events such as Know Your Rights forums, recently earned Villegas the American Political Science Association's Community College Faculty Award. Alongside teaching, Villegas is an active community organizer and in 2022 was elected to the Visalia Unified School Board. As a trustee, he has secured funding for upgrading facilities to ensure healthy and safe classrooms and increased student readiness for college and careers.

As a representative, Villegas will protect California communities from extreme weather events, hold corporate polluters accountable for their harms to the environment and human health, and protect public lands from illegal sell-offs.

Villegas joins the U.S. House after defeating former Representative David Valadao, who earned a spot on LCV Victory Fund's 2026 Dirty Dozen with a 9% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard*.

IN HIS OWN WORDS:

"Here in the Central Valley, we suffer from high rates of cancer, asthma and other medical conditions because corporate polluters have been allowed to get away with gas leaks, air pollution and water contamination. These are crimes against nature, but they're also crimes against our communities. I will fight to hold corporate polluters accountable and keep our communities safe.

Villegas for Congress

JAMES WALKINSHAW (D-VA-11)



James Walkinshaw has championed clean energy and climate-smart infrastructure as a Fairfax County Board member, chief of staff to a pro-environment and pro-democracy congressional champion, and in the U.S. House of Representatives since his special election in 2025.

A lifelong Virginian, Walkinshaw earned his bachelor's degree from New York University before returning home to win election to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. As a boardmember, he served as Chairman of the Environmental Committee and led the county's efforts to eliminate climate pollution by 2050, impose fees on single-use plastic bags, and launch a comprehensive Zero Waste initiative. Walkinshaw went on to serve on the Virginia Association of Counties Board and the Transportation Planning Board, before serving as chief of staff to the late Congressman Gerry Connolly. He led Connolly's office for over a decade, winning major legislative successes by securing investments in Virginia's clean energy sector, healthcare coverage, and transportation infrastructure.

As a representative, Walkinshaw is working to bring down energy costs by developing guardrails for data centers, investing in a modernized grid, and advocating for clean energy projects that reduce emissions, create jobs, and lower costs for all Virginians. He has thus far earned a 100% score on LCV's National Environmental Scorecard.

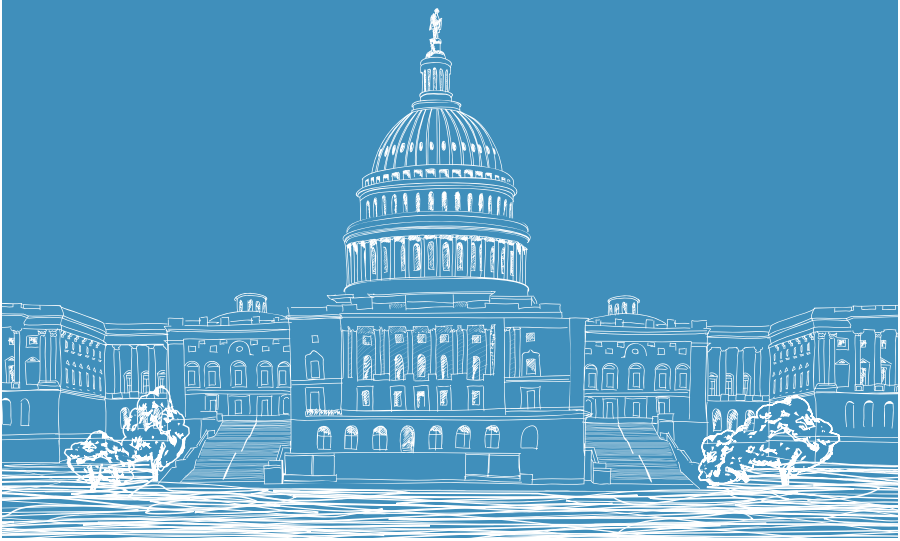
Walkinshaw was elected to the U.S. House in a special election in November 2025 to fill the seat of the late Representative Gerry Connolly, who earned a 97% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard.*

IN HIS OWN WORDS:

"Now more than ever, we must stand shoulder to shoulder in our shared mission to confront the climate crisis, grow clean energy jobs, reduce energy costs, and secure a healthier, more sustainable future for every family.

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SCOTT COLOM (D-MS)



Scott Colom is a seventh-generation Mississippian, former judge, and district attorney who has gathered bipartisan support for his criminal justice reform efforts and firm commitment to democratic ideals.

After receiving his J.D. from the University of Wisconsin, Colom earned the prestigious Skadden Fellowship to work with the Mississippi Center for Justice, combating predatory loans targeting low-income communities. He later was selected as Lowndes County's youngest justice court judge, served as Columbus, Mississippi's first Black prosecutor, and defeated a nearly 30-year incumbent to become district attorney. In 2021, Colom was nominated by President Biden to the U.S. District court with wide bipartisan support, but was ultimately blocked by former Senator Hyde-Smith. Colom has built an exceptional reputation for delivering justice to underserved communities, securing convictions in high-profile crimes, and rooting out corruption in public offices. Deeply connected to Columbus, he is a lifelong member of his local church and coaches sports and a high school mock trial team.

As a senator, Colom will continue to champion environmental justice by supporting underserved communities through restorative justice efforts, uplifting local voices for neighborhood redevelopment, and holding polluters and their cronies in the Trump administration accountable for their harms.

Colom joins the U.S. Senate after defeating former Senator Cindy Hyde-Smith, who earned a 10% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard.*

IN HIS OWN WORDS:

> *"As an environmental justice advocate, I will fight for communities that have been taken advantage of by polluters and are under threat by climate change.*

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BALE DALTON (D-FL-07)



Bale Dalton is a decorated military veteran with decades of experience and leadership in public service who understands the importance of clean, affordable energy for Florida.

After graduating from the U.S. Naval Academy, Dalton served in the Navy and Navy Reserve for 24 years, with 13 years of active duty. As a Naval helicopter pilot, he flew medical evacuation missions, delivered emergency relief, and directed combat support. Dalton went on to work for the State Department, served as a staffer for Senator Bill Nelson, and then became Chief of Staff of NASA, managing over 16,500 employees. As a lifelong Floridian with a career analyzing and overcoming threats, Dalton recognizes the urgency of addressing the climate crisis. Dalton has advocated for using clean energy to both protect Florida from climate impacts and create a strong domestic economy for the future.

As a representative, Dalton will champion protecting Florida's coasts and natural resources, addressing rising flood and property insurance as well as other increasing costs.

Dalton joins the U.S. House after defeating Republican candidate Ryan Elijah in the general election. He fills the seat held by former Representative Cory Mills, who earned a 0% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard.*

IN HIS OWN WORDS:

"I will continue to foster scientific innovation, work to deliver affordable energy solutions, and fight for protections that will preserve the places we love for the next generation.

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MATT DUNLAP (D-ME-02)



Matt Dunlap is a lifelong Mainer and experienced legislator who has worked across the state government to support the needs of rural communities and our environment.

After receiving his degree from the University of Maine, Dunlap worked in jobs across the service and textiles industries before entering public service. Dunlap was elected to the Maine House of Representatives in 1996 where he served as chairman of the Fish and Game Committee, protecting wildlife and recreation for eight years. He went on to serve as Maine's secretary of state for over 12 years, where he consistently fought for voting rights for Mainers. He has since been elected as the state auditor and has dedicated his tenure to rooting out corruption and fraud. Alongside his public career defending democracy and the environment, Dunlap is also a founding member of the Maine Youth Fish and Game Association and an avid outdoorsman.

As a representative, Dunlap will fight for clean energy projects that create good-paying, domestic jobs, bring affordable, reliable energy to the grid, and offer alternatives to polluting, profiteering big oil companies.

Dunlap joins the U.S. House to fill the seat of retiring Representative Jared Golden, who earned a 70% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard.*

IN HIS OWN WORDS:

"Protecting our environment isn't politics for me. It's about making sure the next generation inherits the same Maine I did.

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SAM FORSTAG (D-MT-01)



Sam Forstag is a wildland firefighter and union leader who has spent his life defending Montana's people and public lands from climate change, cuts to government services, and greedy corporations.

After working his way through his degree, Forstag graduated from the University of Montana and joined the U.S. Forest Service as a firefighter. He climbed the ranks to become a firejumper, a highly skilled expert that parachutes into remote areas across the country to put out deadly wildfires. Between firefighting seasons, Forstag continued to stand up for working Montanans, leading his union and advocating at the Montana state Legislature. Forstag has refused to back down from even the largest opponents. When the Trump administration cut forest service jobs and threatened public lands, Forstag fought back and organized his union members to protest against illegal layoffs. And when big corporations contaminated Montana's soil and polluted the atmosphere, Forstag spoke out against the companies putting profits over community health.

As a representative, Forstag will champion working families by encouraging the rollout of affordable, renewable energy, investing in research and development for new clean technologies, and prioritizing training for local energy jobs to ensure a just transition.

Forstag joins the U.S House after defeating Republican candidate Aaron Flint to fill the seat of retiring Representative Ryan Zinke, who earned a 3% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard.*

IN HIS OWN WORDS:

> *"As a former wildland firefighter and smokejumper, I've witnessed firsthand the harmful effects of climate change on our nation's public lands, communities, and working-class livelihoods. In Congress, I'll fight for a transition toward an environmentally sustainable energy grid.*

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BLAKE GENDEBIEN (D-NY-21)



Blake Gendebien is a lifelong farmer and community leader who has seen the impacts of a changing climate and knows the value of local investments in climate mitigation.

After growing up working on his family's New York dairy farm, Gendebien received a degree in agriculture and went on to operate his own farm. With years of cultivation, the family farm has grown to over 1,000 acres and 12 full-time employees. Gendebien's first-hand experience with environmental degradation and climate change on the farm led him to implement innovative agricultural practices that earned him the American Dairy Association Northeast's "Dairying for Tomorrow Environmental Stewardship" award. Beyond his farm, Gendebien represented dairy farmers as vice chair of the Cooperative Board of Agri-Mark, where he created sustainability-specific departments and pushed dairy brands to become B-Corp certified. Gendebien also founded the Jules of Life Foundation, a nonprofit to support cancer patients as they navigate our healthcare system.

As a representative, Gendebien will advocate for clean energy and jobs while fighting for clean air and water in our communities.

Gendebien joins the U.S. House to fill the seat of retiring Representative Elise Stefanik, who earned a 23% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard.*

IN HIS OWN WORDS:

"Using my decades of experience feeling and working around the impacts of climate change on my farm, I'll fight for legislation that invests in homegrown clean energy, keeps small farms competitive with big corporations, and ensures farmers and rural communities are partners in the clean energy transition.

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BILL HILL (I-AK-AL)



Bill Hill is an Alaska Native who has worked as a commercial fisherman, union construction worker, and educator and is committed to advancing clean energy and preserving Alaskans' way of life.

Growing up in Bristol Bay, home of the largest salmon run in the world, Hill spent his childhood subsistence fishing, hunting, and sled dog racing. He worked many union construction jobs in rural Alaska, from building houses, working on remote health clinics and canneries, and on a crew that installed the sewer system in the Brough of Bristol Bay. A son of two teachers, he spent nearly 25 years working as a teacher, a principal, and a superintendent, being named Alaska Superintendent of the Year in 2023.

As a representative, Hill will protect Alaskan fisheries, deploy clean energy, stabilize costs, and defend Alaskans' way of life while ensuring that all Alaskans have their voices heard in Washington, D.C.

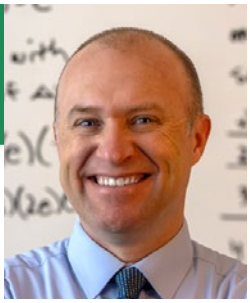
Hill joins the U.S. House after defeating former Representative Nick Begich, who earned a 0% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard.*

IN HIS OWN WORDS:

"Alaskans have watched winters grow warmer, lakes freeze less reliably, wildlife patterns shift, and coastal communities become more vulnerable to storms and erosion. The science is clear, and the federal government has a responsibility to help affected communities decide whether to relocate or reinforce local protections — and to ensure disaster funding is available when it's needed.

News Article in *The Seward Folly*

JAKE JOHNSON (D-MN-01)



Jake Johnson is a lifelong Minnesotan, public school math teacher, union leader, and community advocate who is committed to protecting families and the environment.

Born and raised in Minnesota, Johnson began teaching math at Rochester Public Schools immediately after graduating from University of Wisconsin-La Crosse. For two decades, Johnson has continued to teach math at every level, twice earning Minnesota's highest honor in math education. He has further served his community as governmental relations coordinator for his union, fighting for better conditions for teachers, nurses, and counselors from across the state, and has served on the board of the Minnesota JumpStart Coalition to support financial literacy for young adults. Johnson has consistently stood up for his community, and fought back against potential closures to public schools and grant cuts for critical conservation work.

As a representative, Johnson will continue to uplift and support Minnesotan communities by putting people over corporations and delivering affordable, clean energy to families across the country.

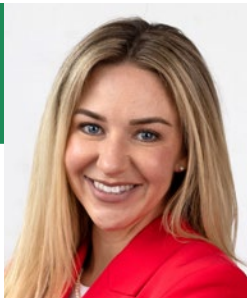
Johnson joins the U.S. House of Representatives after defeating former Representative Brad Finstad, who earned a 0% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard.*

IN HIS OWN WORDS:

> *"The current administration believes in putting fossil fuel interests first and I believe that renewable energy deserves to compete on a level playing field. The goal is to deliver low energy prices for all Americans as we transition to renewables to meet our climate commitments.*

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KRISTINA KNICKERBOCKER (D-OH-10)



Kristina Knickerbocker is a U.S. Air Force veteran, a nurse practitioner, and a community advocate who has witnessed the impact of a changing climate and pollution on communities and is ready to fight back.

After receiving her nursing degree from Azusa Pacific University, Knickerbocker joined the Air Force and served as a major and nurse at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio. Here, she worked to improve healthcare accessibility, reliability, and readiness for servicemembers, military families, and veterans. Knickerbocker continued to serve in the medical field as a neuro-oncology nurse practitioner at Ohio State University Medical Center, assisting cancer patients and fighting against healthcare inaccessibility and skyrocketing costs. As a healthcare provider, she saw firsthand the impact of pollution on asthma, heart disease, and chronic illness, particularly on low-income and underserved communities.

As a representative, Knickerbocker will leverage her expertise and leadership on public health issues to protect working families from harmful pollutants in our air and water.

Knickerbockers joins the U.S. House after defeating former Representative Michael Turner, who earned a 10% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard.*

IN HER OWN WORDS:

"As a veteran and nurse practitioner, I've seen how environmental issues directly affect people's health — especially children, seniors, and families already struggling to make ends meet. Poor air quality, extreme heat, pollution, and unsafe water are not abstract political issues; they have real consequences for people's lives.

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JOANNA MENDOZA (D-AZ-06)



Joanna Mendoza is a daughter of farmworkers, a military veteran, and a community organizer who is committed to taking bold action on climate and strengthening voting rights.

At 17 years old, Mendoza enlisted in the U.S. Navy and went on to serve for 20 years, leading as a drill instructor, an officer for sexual assault prevention and response, and more. After earning degrees from American Military University and Grand Canyon University, Mendoza brought her experienced leadership back to Arizona. She served as veterans outreach coordinator for Pima Community College, program manager at A Place Called Home, a nonprofit organization supporting underserved youth, and veteran services representative for former Congressman Tom O'Halleran. In her relentless efforts to fight for economic opportunities for all, Mendoza has also served as executive director for multiple nonprofit organizations, including VetsForward and the Arizona Center for Economic Progress, where she championed clean energy as a climate and economic solution for her state.

As a representative, Mendoza will continue to fight to strengthen voting rights and keep our communities safe from worsening natural disasters including heat, intense droughts, and wildfires.

Mendoza joins the U.S. House after defeating Representative Juan Ciscomani, who earned a spot on LCV Victory Fund's 2026 Dirty Dozen with a 7% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard.*

IN HER OWN WORDS:

> *"I have worked on clean energy policy in the state of Arizona and look forward to serving in Congress to deliver further clean energy investments, lead the charge on policies that strengthen a just transition so hard working families aren't left behind, and address the ongoing climate change domestically and globally that threatens our national security.*

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JONATHAN NEZ (D-AZ-02)



Jonathan Nez is a proven leader of the Navajo Nation who is dedicated to combatting the climate crisis and its impacts, including by expanding access to clean water and renewable energy.

After earning both a bachelor's degree in political science and a master's degree in public administration from Northern Arizona University, Nez served as vice president of the Navajo Nation's Shonto chapter, and went on to lead as the Navajo Nation's vice president and then president. During his administration, the Navajo Nation adopted a Climate Adaptation Plan that supports local climate change resilience and adaptation projects. Nez also used his platform to testify in front of the U.S. House Energy & Commerce Committee and the New Mexico House of Representatives on how climate change has impacted Indigenous communities in the Southwest. Across his career, Nez has fought to expand access to clean water and protect Tribal water rights, opposed helium extraction legislation, and supported stronger limits on methane emissions.

As a representative, Nez will continue to defend Arizonans and Indigenous communities from the impacts of climate change today while mitigating further harms by investing in nature-based climate solutions and renewable energy projects. He is the first Navajo member of Congress and the first Indigenous member of Congress to represent Arizona.

Nez joins the U.S. House after defeating former Representative Eli Crane, who earned a 1% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard.*

IN HIS OWN WORDS:

"Arizonans are at the forefront of climate change. Drought, wildfires, and rising temperatures worsen every year, and I'm committed to mitigating these climate damages by addressing the causes of these issues that are harming Arizona communities and driving up costs.

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TOM PERRIELLO (D-VA-05)



Tom Perriello is a former Congressman, diplomat, non-profit leader and teacher who has spent the last 25 years serving his community, taking action to combat the costly climate crisis, and combatting threats to democracy.

After earning his law degree from Yale University, Perriello worked in international transitional justice in Kosovo, Sudan, and Afghanistan, before going on to win election to the U.S. House. As a congressman, Perriello advanced major climate legislation, brought clean energy investments to Virginia, and fought alongside communities to defeat the construction of polluting, disruptive fossil fuel pipelines. He has stood up to corporate utility monopolies for nearly two decades to make energy bills more affordable for all Virginians. After serving in Congress, Perriello went on to lead diplomatic efforts at the State Department and served as an envoy for the African Great Lakes and Sudan under the Obama and Biden administrations. Most recently, Perriello has led and founded nonprofits that promote a more fair and just democracy and provide emergency relief to Ukrainian civilians.

As a representative, Perrillo is committed to defending the bedrock environmental laws of our country while using every avenue to advance the deployment of clean energy, protect critical public lands, and restrict the power of utility monopolies. During his previous term in Congress, Perriello earned a 79% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard.*

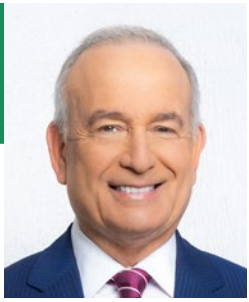
Perriello rejoins the U.S. House after defeating former Representative John McGuire, who earned a 0% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard.*

IN HIS OWN WORDS:

"I am fighting to lower your electric bills, protect clean air and water, and block corporate boondoggles tearing through our rural communities.

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ELLIOTT RODRIGUEZ (D-FL-27)



Elliott Rodriguez is one of South Florida's most known and trusted journalists who will bring his decades of connecting with Miamians on the issues they care about to Congress. He will stand against rising energy costs, increasingly harmful climate disasters, and threats to clean air and water.

After graduating from the University of Miami, Rodriguez began his journalism career in 1978, working for The Miami Herald and reporting for various outlets across Florida. He joined CBS News Miami in 1999, where he stayed as a broadcast reporter for over 25 years, covering momentous events such as hurricanes and infrastructure collapses, reporting from Cuba and the Vatican, and moderating critical gubernatorial debates. Rodriguez's decades of thoughtful journalism and speaking truth to power earned him a slate of awards and recognitions, including three Emmy Awards. As a thorough journalist, Rodriguez has unique insight into the variety of issues facing Miamians, from skyrocketing housing and insurance costs from climate disasters, to their heightened direct threats and costs for families, to increasing prices of gas, groceries, and utilities.

As a representative, Rodriguez will advocate for Florida communities' health by working to strengthen the Clean Water Act and the Clean Air Act, expand the list of pollutants they cover, and limit climate pollution.

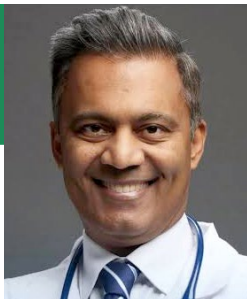
Rodriguez joins the U.S. House after defeating former Representative María Elvira Salazar, who earned an 11% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard.*

IN HIS OWN WORDS:

"For South Florida, protecting the environment is not an abstract ideological issue. It is about clean drinking water, stronger neighborhoods, affordable insurance, protecting the Everglades and Biscayne Bay, and ensuring that future generations can continue to live here.

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AMISH SHAH (D-AZ-01)



Dr. Amish Shah, an advocate for clean water and protecting animals, has served his community as an emergency room physician and as a member of the Arizona House of Representatives.

The son of Indian immigrants, Dr. Shah was born and raised in Chicago. He earned his bachelor's in economics and his M.D. from Northwestern University. Before entering politics, Dr. Shah worked as a faculty member and researcher at Mount Sinai Hospital and helped the NFL improve their emergency management of potentially catastrophic injuries. In 2018, Dr. Shah was elected to the Arizona House of Representatives, where he has been a tireless defender of reproductive rights and was named 2022 Women's Health Care Champion Legislator of the Year by the American College of Obstetrics and Gynaecology. During his five years in the Republican-controlled Arizona House, he worked across the aisle to pass more bills than any other Arizona Democrat in a decade.

As a representative, Dr. Shah will work to protect our air and water, advance bold solutions to climate change, and continue to fight for long-term community health.

Dr. Shah joins the U.S. House after defeating Representative David Schweikert, who earned a 5% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard*. Dr. Shah is the first Indian American to represent Arizona in Congress.

IN HIS OWN WORDS:

> *"The most existential threat to mankind and the Earth at this time is climate change, and it is caused by human activities. As members of Congress, our responsibilities are to serve and protect the people of our country and our posterity.*

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SCOTT WIENER (D-CA-11)



Scott Wiener is a longtime community leader, advocate, and public servant who has championed policies to improve affordability and make communities safer, healthier, and more resilient.

Wiener has dedicated most of his career to public service, representing his community as a member of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, deputy city attorney, and a California state senator. On the Board of Supervisors, Wiener played a key role expanding the budget and securing billions of dollars in funding to support sustainable public transit in San Francisco and the Bay Area. In the state Senate, he helped pass legislation to require cities to implement instant app-based permitting for rooftop solar projects and to streamline permitting for clean transportation projects including light rail, rapid bus service, and bike and pedestrian safety projects.

As a representative, Wiener will fight for safe, healthy communities and hold corporate polluters accountable. During his decade in the California state Senate, Wiener earned a 98% on California Environmental Voters' *Environmental Scorecard*.

Wiener joins the U.S. House to fill the open seat held by retiring Representative Nancy Pelosi, who earned a 94% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard*.

IN HIS OWN WORDS:

"Californians know the climate crisis isn't a distant threat. Devastating wildfires, brutal heat waves, and soaring energy bills and insurance premiums are hitting families right now. Tackling this crisis at the scale science demands requires leaders who pull every lever available and never back down from a fight.

Scott Wiener for Congress

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