



## Hillary Clinton's Strong Environmental Record



Hillary Clinton has a very strong environmental record going back decades from combating climate change to investing in clean energy to working to repeal Big Oil subsidies. From her time as First Lady to U.S. Senator to Secretary of State, Clinton has made protecting our environment and public health, especially for the most vulnerable among us, a top priority. Whether helping draw attention to the links between [air pollution](#) and [children's asthma](#) as [First Lady](#) or appointing the first-ever Special Envoy for Climate Change at the State Department, Clinton has consistently demonstrated a deep commitment to protecting our environment and addressing the climate crisis.

### IN THE U.S. SENATE

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- Clinton authored and led on [bills](#) to help [federal buildings](#) and nonprofit health institutions become more energy efficient and to promote clean fuel use in public transportation and production in rural communities.
  - Clinton [co-sponsored bills](#) to combat climate change by reducing carbon pollution, investing in [clean energy](#), and directing the [Environmental Protection Agency](#) (EPA) to reduce carbon and other pollutants from power plants.
  - She co-sponsored a bill to [repeal](#) subsidies to Big Oil.
  - She was one of only [26 Senators](#) to vote against the Energy Policy Act of 2005, which at the time LCV [called](#) “the most anti-environment bill signed into law in recent memory.”
  - Clinton proposed several [environmental justice initiatives](#) including [extending](#) financing for the Superfund.
  - Clinton consistently fought for [clean water](#), including protecting the Great Lakes.
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## AS SECRETARY OF STATE

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- Clinton made climate change a top priority at the State Department, including [appointing](#) the first Special Envoy for Climate Change, Todd Stern, who serves as the Administration's point person for climate negotiations, including the recent, historic bilateral climate agreement with China.
- In Copenhagen in 2009, Clinton made a breakthrough announcement committing the U.S. to help jointly mobilize \$100 billion by 2020 to help communities across the world deal with the ravages of climate change. This commitment helped reinvigorate stalled negotiations and led to an [agreement](#) in Copenhagen.
- Clinton helped reach a bilateral [agreement](#) with Brazil to improve coordination on climate change and entered into [11 EcoPartnership](#) agreements with China.
- Clinton also [formed](#) the Climate and Clean Air Coalition, to reduce short-lived climate pollutants, with a group of 37 countries that are working to reduce black carbon, HFCs and methane emissions.

## PRESIDENTIAL PLATFORM

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- Clinton has repeatedly pledged to defend and build on the progress of President Obama's Climate Action Plan, including the historic Clean Power Plan, the single largest step our country has taken to cut carbon pollution and fight climate change.
- In July, Clinton [pledged](#) that the U.S. would generate enough renewable energy to power every home by 2027. She also pledged that by the end of her first term there would be more than 500 million solar panels installed across the country, a 700% increase from 2014 levels.
- Clinton will [incentivize](#) investment in renewable energy sources by increasing the number of government grants for clean energy, extending federal clean energy tax incentives and expanding renewable energy on public lands.
- In August, Clinton came out in [opposition](#) to drilling in the Arctic Ocean.
- In September, Clinton also came out in [opposition](#) to the dirty and dangerous Keystone XL tar sands pipeline and announced a comprehensive strategy to modernize American energy infrastructure and forge a new North American Climate Compact with Canada and Mexico to cut carbon pollution.

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