



LCV PRIORITIES *for* EXECUTIVE ACTION ON CLIMATE

As communities across the country continue to experience the devastating impacts of the climate crisis—heatwaves, wildfires, extreme storms, floods, and more—and oil companies continue to rake in outrageous profits, it's clear that people need relief. We need climate solutions, and we need them now. Congress and the administration have made transformational investments in climate action and clean energy, and equitably and swiftly administering those investments must be paired with accelerated, bold executive action to reduce climate and other pollution.

As a critical component of comprehensive climate action, we're counting on the Biden-Harris administration to use their full authority to deliver on their commitments to act on climate, advance environmental justice, create good jobs, and lower costs as quickly as possible. Below are LCV's climate priorities for the administration:

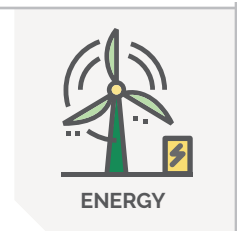
DECLARE CLIMATE A NATIONAL EMERGENCY

- ▶ **Supercharge the Defense Production Act** to spur clean energy manufacturing and deployment in public buildings and spaces, with strong continued focus on labor standards and benefits to environmental justice communities
- ▶ **Redirect and focus grants, loans, and research and development funding** across all departments and agencies to focus on clean energy solutions and environmental justice communities

USE EXISTING EXECUTIVE BRANCH AUTHORITIES

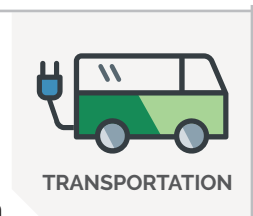
ENERGY

- ▶ **EPA:** Swiftly set ambitious climate standards for new and existing methane gas and coal-fired power plants
- ▶ **EPA:** Rapidly finalize the basis for mercury and air toxics standards for coal- and oil-fired power plants and tighten standards to further reduce these hazardous pollutants
- ▶ **EPA:** Quickly finalize the good neighbor federal plan (also referred to as cross state air pollution rule), to cut a variety of pollutants from power plants and industrial facilities, which would assist downwind state compliance with the 2015 ground level ozone pollution standard
- ▶ **EPA, DOE:** Require and support hard to decarbonize industries to greatly reduce pollution using a variety of technologies and focusing on improving conditions in already overburdened environmental justice communities
- ▶ **EPA, DOI:** Cut methane pollution from the oil and gas industry 65% by 2025 and 90% by 2030
- ▶ **EPA, DOE:** Advance stronger baseline efficiency standards for appliances and other products, and accelerate best in class standards for EnergySTAR products
- ▶ **DOE:** Focus all possible funds and loans on maximizing deployment of scalable clean energy products and research and development to advance the next generation of needed climate solutions



TRANSPORTATION

- ▶ **EPA, DOT:** Expedite rules to require that 100% of new cars and light trucks are tailpipe pollution free by 2035 and produced with rigorous labor standards
- ▶ **EPA, DOT:** Expedite rules to require 90% cleaner diesel truck engines by 2027, and, in the longer term, that all new buses and delivery trucks be tailpipe pollution free by 2035, and all trucks be tailpipe pollution free by 2040, while also being produced with rigorous labor standards
- ▶ **EPA:** Prioritize transition to tailpipe pollution-free electric school buses with infrastructure law and Diesel Emissions Reduction Act funding, particularly in low-income school districts and communities of color
- ▶ **DOT:** Expand electric vehicle charging infrastructure for cars and heavy trucks, prioritizing accessibility for low-income communities and addressing range anxiety concerns



HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

- ▶ **EPA:** Rapidly propose and finalize protective rules for power plant water pollution to safeguard public health and our waterways
- ▶ **EPA:** Reverse Trump's gutting of protections against hazardous coal ash waste and proper state-overseen disposal
- ▶ **EPA:** Set strong clean air standards for soot, or particulate matter, at an annual standard of 8 micrograms per cubic meter (ug/m³) and 24 hour standard of 25 ug/m³, to improve public health and protect older people, rural, near-roadway and fenceline environmental justice communities
- ▶ **EPA:** Set strong clean air standards for smog, or ground level ozone pollution, at an 8-hour standard of 60 parts per billion (ppb), to improve public health and protect children, outdoor workers, and environmental justice communities
- ▶ **EPA:** Lower allowable limit of lead in drinking water to 5ppb, and mandate full removal of lead services lines within 10 years to ensure all communities have access to safe drinking water
- ▶ **EPA:** Reverse Trump's rule that restricted state Clean Water Act Section 401 authority to protect waterways from pipelines and other damaging federal projects
- ▶ **CEQ:** Reverse the rest of the Trump administration's attempts to undermine the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and establish more robust engagement and review with adequate funding and training for agencies to carry it out
- ▶ **EPA, ACE:** Restore protections for our waterways under the Clean Water Act



MANUFACTURING, TRADE, & FINANCIAL SECTORS

- ▶ **SEC, GSA:** Require all companies to disclose climate risks to shareholders and consumers and government contractors to do the same
- ▶ **CEQ, GSA, USPS:** Direct federal and federally funded procurement to Buy Clean - lower carbon materials and products, primarily made in the U.S.
- ▶ **DOE:** Direct hydrogen hub funding to green hydrogen projects and hard to decarbonize industrial and manufacturing applications, while minimizing impacts on already overburdened environmental justice communities
- ▶ **USTR, DOC:** Develop and implement a carbon border adjustment mechanism that is independent of a domestic carbon price to even the playing field and reduce outsourcing of our manufacturing to countries with lower environmental and labor standards
- ▶ **USTR, DOC:** Ensure that any international trade agreements require strong climate, labor, and environmental justice standards



BUILDINGS

- ▶ **HUD, DOE:** Establish the first national initiative to advance forward looking building standards and model codes to drive energy efficiency, climate resilience, cost reductions, improved health, electrification and decarbonization; leverage \$225 million in infrastructure law funds to support implementation and provide incentives for communities to adopt standards
- ▶ **GSA:** Quickly deliver on Executive Order 14057 goals to bring real time clean electricity to government operations and renewable energy projects to all appropriate buildings



PUBLIC LANDS AND WATERS

- ▶ **DOI:** Stop future fossil fuel drilling on public lands and waters and ensure prioritization of nature-based solutions to combat the climate crisis, including implementing a climate test screening policy for all future leasing and drilling decisions and other pro-climate regulations; oversee a swift wind-down of production on existing fossil fuel leases
- ▶ **DOI:** Reject new fossil fuel infrastructure projects like ConocoPhillips' Willow Project, LNG export infrastructure, and new and expanded pipeline projects, particularly the Mountain Valley Pipeline and the Line 5 Pipeline
- ▶ **DOI:** Rapidly expand clean energy deployment on appropriate public lands and waters, while minimizing impacts from any associated Inflation Reduction Act-mandated oil and gas leasing
- ▶ **DOI:** Accelerate efforts to protect 30% of America's lands and waters by 2030, including designating new national monuments and issuing rules to protect mature and old-growth forests from logging and other threats



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GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND THEIR ABBREVIATIONS:

ACE: Army Corps of Engineers

CEQ: Council on Environmental Quality

EPA: Environmental Protection Agency

DOC: Department of Commerce

DOE: Department of Energy

DOI: Department of the Interior

DOT: Department of Transportation

GSA: General Services Administration

HUD: Housing and Urban Development

SEC: Securities and Exchange Commission

USPS: U.S. Postal Service

USTR: U.S. Trade Representative



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