



INSPIRING AMERICANS TO PROTECT WILDLIFE FOR OUR CHILDREN'S FUTURE.

Fact Sheet



Fair Climate Solutions

The poorest and most underserved people, communities, and countries are disproportionately burdened by the impacts of global warming and are most vulnerable to poorly designed policy solutions. The United States' leadership in passing comprehensive clean energy legislation is critical for establishing **fair climate solutions** for these communities all over the world.

Fair climate solutions are necessary in order to provide sustainable economic growth, help stabilize volatile parts of the world, reduce pollution, and enhance quality of life – each essential to both the United States and developing countries of today.

Investing in Fair Climate Solutions Means:

Passing a climate and clean energy bill in 2009

- To avoid the worst impacts of global warming the U.S. must reduce its global warming pollution by at least 25-40 percent below 1990 levels by 2020 and by 80-95 percent below 1990 levels by 2050.
- To achieve these reductions and transition America to a clean energy future, the U.S. needs to invest in clean energy sources and energy efficiency.
- To secure a strong international climate agreement, the U.S. needs to direct revenue generated by the bill to prevent tropical deforestation, and assist developing countries in acquiring clean energy technology and responding to climate impacts.

Protecting low-income Americans from any energy cost increases

- Because low-income Americans spend a much larger share of their monthly income on energy-related expenses, the Senate should ensure that a climate and clean energy bill does not unfairly impact low-income families.
- The U.S. needs to set aside revenue generated from the program to create clean energy and energy efficiency programs for low-income communities and offset any increases in energy costs for low-income Americans through direct rebates.

Investing in workforce education and training

- The U.S. must educate, train, and prepare its citizens for opportunities in the new clean energy economy so America's workforce remains competitive; these opportunities must provide pathways out of poverty for all Americans.
- The Senate bill needs to invest revenue generated from the program in an "Education for a Green Economy Fund" to prepare today's leaders, and the leaders of tomorrow, to build a new clean energy economy.

Protecting communities and natural resources from climate impacts

- Because low-income and underserved communities are affected by climate impacts first and worst, and have the least ability to respond, revenue from the program should be set aside to help them respond.
- The U.S. needs to set aside revenue generated from the program to prepare and implement a plan to protect public health and natural resources from climate impacts.
- A climate and clean energy bill should uphold the EPA's authority to regulate global warming pollution from major emitters under the Clean Air Act.

Addressing tribal needs and perspectives

- Sovereign Indian Tribes own and manage over 95 million acres of land within the boundaries of the U.S.
- Indian Tribes should be provided with the resources and revenue generated from the program that is consistent with the amount of land and resources they manage.
- Indian Tribes should be treated equitably with states in a climate and clean energy bill.

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