

NEW DEMOCRAT COALITION CLIMATE CHANGE PRIORITIES

PRINCIPLES FOR U.S. CLIMATE POLICY

WHAT THEY ARE SAYING...

The New Democrat Coalition, under the leadership of NDC Chair Derek Kilmer and the Climate Change Task Force Co-Chairs Don Beyer, Sean Casten, Elaine Luria and Susan Wild, released the [Principles for U.S. Climate Policy](#), which lays out priorities that will foster an ambitious pro-climate and pro-market agenda to advance a swift and just transition to a more sustainable and clean planet and economy.

Elected officials, think tanks, and organizations have a lot to say about the agenda already. See more below:

“The climate crisis is the existential crisis of our time, and we must lead a Caucus and Congress-wide effort to combat this threat, enlisting the diverse experience, expertise and perspectives of the Members of the People’s House. As Speaker of the House, I applaud the continued leadership of the New Democrat Coalition as they take this step to help protect our planet for generations to come.”

- **Rep. Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the House**

“Climate change is a crisis that demands action by Congress, and I am glad that the New Democrat Coalition is fully engaged in helping to meet this challenge. As Members focused on achieving bipartisan solutions, the New Democrat Coalition is in a unique position to contribute to building broad support for much-needed actions to reduce carbon pollution and invest in developing and deploying more energy efficient technologies.”

- **Rep. Steny Hoyer, House Majority Leader**

“The Nature Conservancy applauds the New Democrat Coalition’s Principles for Climate Policy and endorsement of a slate of bills that will drive innovation and move the U.S. toward a prosperous, low carbon economy. We appreciate the coalition’s recognition of the urgent need to address climate impacts and the carbon pollution that causes them. We look forward to working with the New Democrat Coalition, members on both sides of the aisle, and all relevant stakeholders to build bipartisan support for comprehensive and immediate action on climate change.”

- **Jason Albritton, Director of Climate and Energy Policy for North America, Nature Conservancy**

“As we transition to a climate-forward economy, we must include the individuals who power the economy today. We can do that with commonsense measures like those supported by the New Democrat Coalition including carbon capture and a clean energy standard.”

- **Jim Slevin, President, Utility Workers Union of America**

“To protect our kids’ health, create quality jobs, and upgrade critical infrastructure, the U.S. must secure a 100% clean economy. This bold and achievable goal is supported by a diverse group of lawmakers, and EDF is pleased to see the New Democrat Coalition find effective and efficient solutions to the climate crisis.”

- **Elizabeth Gore, Senior Vice President, Political Affairs, Environmental Defense Fund**

“The New Democrat Coalition’s climate change priorities would promote U.S. policies that are politically durable and build bipartisan consensus where possible. In particular, the Clean Industrial Technology Act (H.R.3978) would dedicate federal investment to industries that are responsible for a significant proportion of global carbon emissions, yet lack economically viable climate solutions. And the Advanced Research Projects Agency – Energy (ARPA-E) Reauthorization Act (H.R.4091) would expand one of the most effective federal research agencies, which helps solve problems that are too risky for the private sector to address. Solutions to key climate challenges will only emerge if the United States uses all the innovation policy tools at its disposal, and these bills would focus necessary attention on supporting innovation through sustained, thoughtful policy.”

- **David Hart, Senior Fellow, Information Technology and Innovation Foundation**

“Fighting climate change will help avoid very serious damages to our communities and our way of life. We’re thrilled to see that the New Democrat Coalition’s climate principles embrace ambitious action to reach net-zero emissions by 2050 at the latest. This includes using *every* carbon-free technology that can help us hit that target, including nuclear energy and carbon capture. We can and must mobilize our nation to address climate change and create new opportunities where people live and work today. If we do this correctly, as the New Democrats’ principles lay out, getting to net-zero will open new markets for US clean energy, and create good-paying jobs with strong labor standards for American workers. That’s a path for the future that Americans desperately want.

- **Josh Freed, Senior Vice President, Clean Energy Program, Third Way**

“Business Forward has organized hundreds of briefings on clean energy, climate change, and energy security across the U.S., and business leaders understand the economic opportunity shifting from fossil fuels to renewable energy presents. For states that import billions of dollars-worth of fossil fuels each year, renewable energy is a “buy local” way to create jobs and attract new investment. We commend The New Democrat Coalition support for net zero by 2050. Their approach is pro-climate and pro-market. The global energy race is over: renewable energy won. 78 cents of every new energy dollar is going to wind, solar, or batteries – and renewables will produce two thirds of the world’s power by 2050.”

- **Jim Doyle, President, Business Forward**

“BPC Action commends the New Democrat Coalition for coming together on climate change policies that are pro-economic growth and pro-energy innovation. Both are necessary steps to meet our climate challenges and produce the next generation of energy technologies. We look forward to working with the Coalition to move energy legislation in a bipartisan manner this Congress.”

- **Michele Stockwell, Bipartisan Policy Center Action Executive Director**

“The urgency of our climate challenge requires a practical approach to meeting the ambitious goal of reaching net zero emissions in 30 years, while investing in the resilience and relief that communities need to manage severe weather. The priorities that New Democrats have laid out would provide exactly the kind of support state and local leaders across the country are seeking but not currently receiving from Washington. NewDEAL Leaders look forward to working with the New Democrats to fulfill the key priorities for all levels of government to address climate change.”

- **Debbie Cox Bultan, CEO, The NewDEAL**

“The 104-Member New Democrat Coalition has taken an important step today in the fight against climate change, endorsing a goal of achieving net zero emissions by 2050 at the latest, and announcing principles that recognize both the magnitude of the risk we face and the size of the opportunity available to us if we act together boldly and with determination. This is exactly the kind of commitment we need to see from our political leaders. I applaud this announcement.”

- **Todd Stern, Former Climate Envoy for President Obama**