

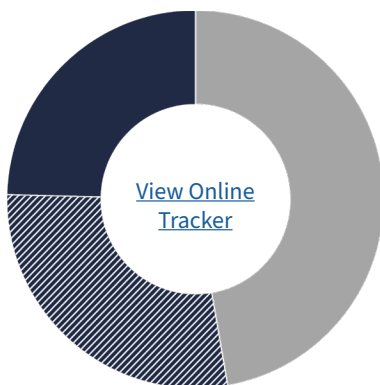


Our Progress On Solving The Climate Crisis

2021 In Perspective

In 2021, House Democrats remained committed to taking climate action to create millions of good-paying jobs, protect public health, and save families money. Below are some highlights on climate progress during the first session of the 117th Congress.

TRACKING OUR PROGRESS ON SOLVING THE CLIMATE CRISIS



Last year, the Select Committee on the Climate Crisis released its [Climate Crisis Action Plan](#), a majority staff report with **more than 700 recommendations** to put the United States on the path to net zero. Since then, House Democrats have worked hard to turn those climate solutions into bills – and turn those bills into law.



HOUSE DEMOCRATS DELIVER ON AMBITIOUS CLIMATE ACTION

Along with President Biden, Speaker Pelosi and House Democrats delivered on the Build Back Better Agenda by passing the generational investments in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and the Build Back Better Act. Together, the **Build Back Better Act and the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law will invest nearly \$1 trillion in clean energy and climate solutions**, removing a gigaton of climate pollution by the end of the decade, creating millions of good-paying jobs, and advancing us toward our goal of reaching net zero by no later than 2050.

THE BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE LAW

This year, Congress delivered the bipartisan **Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)**, which includes historic investments to strengthen the electric grid, support electric vehicles, advance environmental justice, and prepare communities for costly weather disasters. ([Full IIJA Fact Sheet](#))

Signed by President Biden in November, this historic legislation includes:

- \$7.5 billion to build a network of 500,000 charging stations for electric vehicles across America, the largest such federal investment in history;
- \$7.5 billion for clean school buses and ferries;
- Historic investments in rail (\$66 billion), transit (\$39 billion), and a program to reduce transportation pollution (\$6.4 billion); and
- The largest investment in clean drinking water in American history, including \$15 billion to replace lead service lines.

THE BUILD BACK BETTER ACT

In November, House Democrats also passed the **largest climate investment in history** with the Build Back Better Act, which invests **\$550 billion** in clean energy, resilience, and climate solutions. These investments build on the IIJA in order to reduce energy costs for Americans - expanding the reach of cleaner energy sources like wind and solar, which are already cheaper than coal and natural gas. The Build Back Better Act could save the average American household **\$500 a year** on energy costs - and families who switch to electric vehicles will save **an additional \$700 a year** on fuel and maintenance costs.

Importantly, the Build Back Better Act also invests directly in clean energy grants and loans for **rural communities**, and it will direct 40% of investments to **environmental justice communities**, including communities of color and Tribes. That means every community will see the benefits of our clean energy economy, whether it's new jobs through the Civilian Climate Corps or cleaner air through zero-emission school buses and trash trucks. ([Full BBB Fact Sheet](#))

Now we must finish the job by delivering the Build Back Better Act, which would build on that progress to ensure our economy works for everyone. Together with President Biden, we will keep working to lower costs, create jobs, and reduce pollution- and American families and workers will prevail over special interests and polluters.

CLIMATE SOLUTIONS SIGNED INTO LAW

Democrats delivered important climate solutions that were signed into law, including:

- The **American Rescue Plan**, which invested \$100 million for environmental justice grants, including \$50 million to increase air quality monitoring, and \$50 million to identify and address disproportionate environmental or public health harms and risks in vulnerable populations;
- The bipartisan **FY22 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA)**, which included important climate and resilience provisions that would help military installations reach net-zero on energy, water, and waste by 2035; ensure military preparedness to the growing threat of wildfire; and expand long-duration energy storage; and
- The **2020 year-end omnibus bill**, which will help the United States phase down the production and consumption of harmful hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs) while also extending critical clean energy tax credits to support hundreds of thousands of American jobs. ([Full 2020 Fact Sheet](#))

HOUSE-PASSED CLIMATE SOLUTIONS

This year, House Democrats passed additional legislation to protect our planet and our economy, including:

- The **Protecting America's Wilderness and Public Lands Act**, which would take a crucial step to protect America's unique landscape and deploy natural climate solutions;
- The **FY 2022 Appropriations bills**, which would deliver \$300 million for the Electric Vehicle Fund; \$347 million to support USDA's climate efforts; the first-ever direct appropriation of \$1.6 billion for the Green Climate Fund; and other major climate victories.

WORKING WITH THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION

House Democrats have worked with President Biden to restore America's global leadership role on climate and to support his all-of-government approach to solving this crisis. Since taking office earlier this year, President Biden has made climate action a priority, appointing climate leaders like National Climate Advisor Gina McCarthy and Special Presidential Envoy for Climate John Kerry and taking strong executive action to put America on the path to net zero by 2050.

At the Leaders Summit on Climate in April, he announced his commitment to slash U.S. economy-wide emissions in half by 2030, while working to increase U.S. contributions to international climate financing. And at COP26, President Biden's team helped secured the adoption of the Glasgow Climate Pact; led nearly 90 countries in joining the Global Methane Pledge; pledged to stop spending tax dollars to support international fossil fuel projects; and restored America's role as a climate leader, with the support of the House delegation led by Speaker Nancy Pelosi. ([President Biden's National Climate Task Force Website](#))



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