

U.S. House of Representatives
Capitol Hill
Washington, DC 20515

November 21, 2019

Dear Member of Congress:

As faith organizations across the country and representing a wide spectrum of religious traditions, we urge you to support the 100% Clean Economy Act of 2019. This legislation would mitigate the worst impacts of climate change, transition the country to cleaner sources of energy, set the important goal of reaching net-zero emissions by 2050, and ensure that there is a just transition of jobs for the future wellbeing of our communities.

Through our faith we are united behind common moral values that prioritize protecting vulnerable populations, defending our children's health, caring for God's creation, and fulfilling our obligations to future generations. It is through this lens that we view climate change and recognize that this threat is already causing destruction, despair and displacement.

We know that the impacts of climate change are not felt equally across communities. Vulnerable populations including women, children, communities of color, indigenous communities, and other marginalized or impoverished communities disproportionately suffer from severe weather, increased health problems such as asthma, and lost job opportunities. These impacts fall most heavily on those who have done the least to create the problem and who possess the fewest resources to adapt.

Our notion of the common good calls us to be in solidarity with those impacted by climate change while avoiding the temptation to pass this problem along to future generations as a result of our own neglect or narrow interests. This is why as a nation we must prioritize action on climate.

As we feel the impacts of climate change across the breadth of our ministries, we call on governmental leadership to help us address the root causes of climate change by embracing clean energy. We urge you to co-sponsor the 100% Clean Economy Act of 2019.

Sincerely,

Abundance Farm
Am Kolei Renewal Community
Christian Reformed Church Office of Social Justice
Coalition on the Environment and Jewish Life
Church World Service
Colorado Jewish Climate Action
Columban Center for Advocacy and Outreach

CommonSpirit Health
Committee on Mission Responsibility Through Investment of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A.
Conference of Superiors of Men
Creation Justice Ministries
Florida Council of Churches
Franciscan Action Network
Friends Committee on National Legislation
Friends Fiduciary Corporation
Green Chalice (Disciples Christian Church)
Green Faith
Higher Ground Initiative
Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility
Interfaith Power & Light
Jewish Climate Action Network, Greater Boston/New York/Greater Washington
Jews of the Earth
The Kehilah
Leadership Team of the Felician Sisters of North America
Maine Council of Churches
Michigan Interfaith Power & Light
New Evangelical Partnership
North Carolina Council of Churches
North Carolina Interfaith Power & Light
Passionist Solidarity Network
Pennsylvania Council of Churches
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Office of Public Witness
Priests of the Sacred Heart, US Province
Reconstructing Judaism
Seventh Generation Interfaith Inc
The Shalom Center
Shomrei Olam
Sisters of the Presentation of the BVM of Aberdeen SD
Sisters of Mercy's Justice Team
Union for Reform Judaism
United Church Funds
United Church of Christ Justice and Witness Ministries
The United Methodist Church – General Board of Church and Society