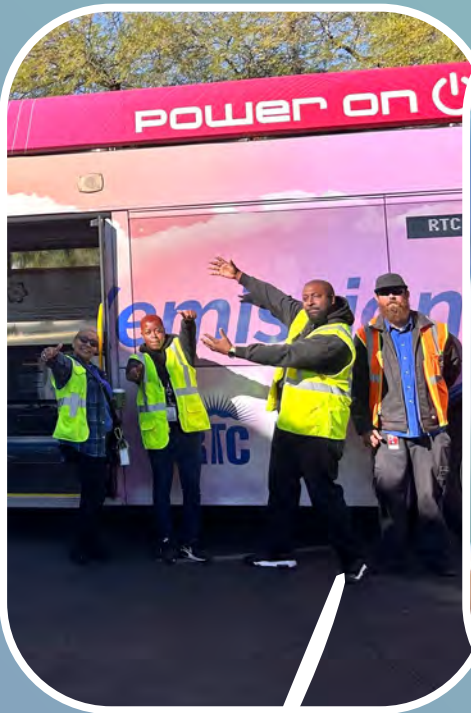


2024

CLEAN ENERGY FOR ALL

Clean Energy
Success
in the States





In 2024, clean energy opportunities continued to flourish, reaching people all across the nation. States took action to expand access to solar, improve electricity transmission, hold utilities accountable, protect communities from fossil fuel pollution, and utilize transformative federal investments from the Inflation Reduction Act. This progress is lowering energy costs, safeguarding public health, bringing revenue to communities, and creating hundreds of thousands of jobs.

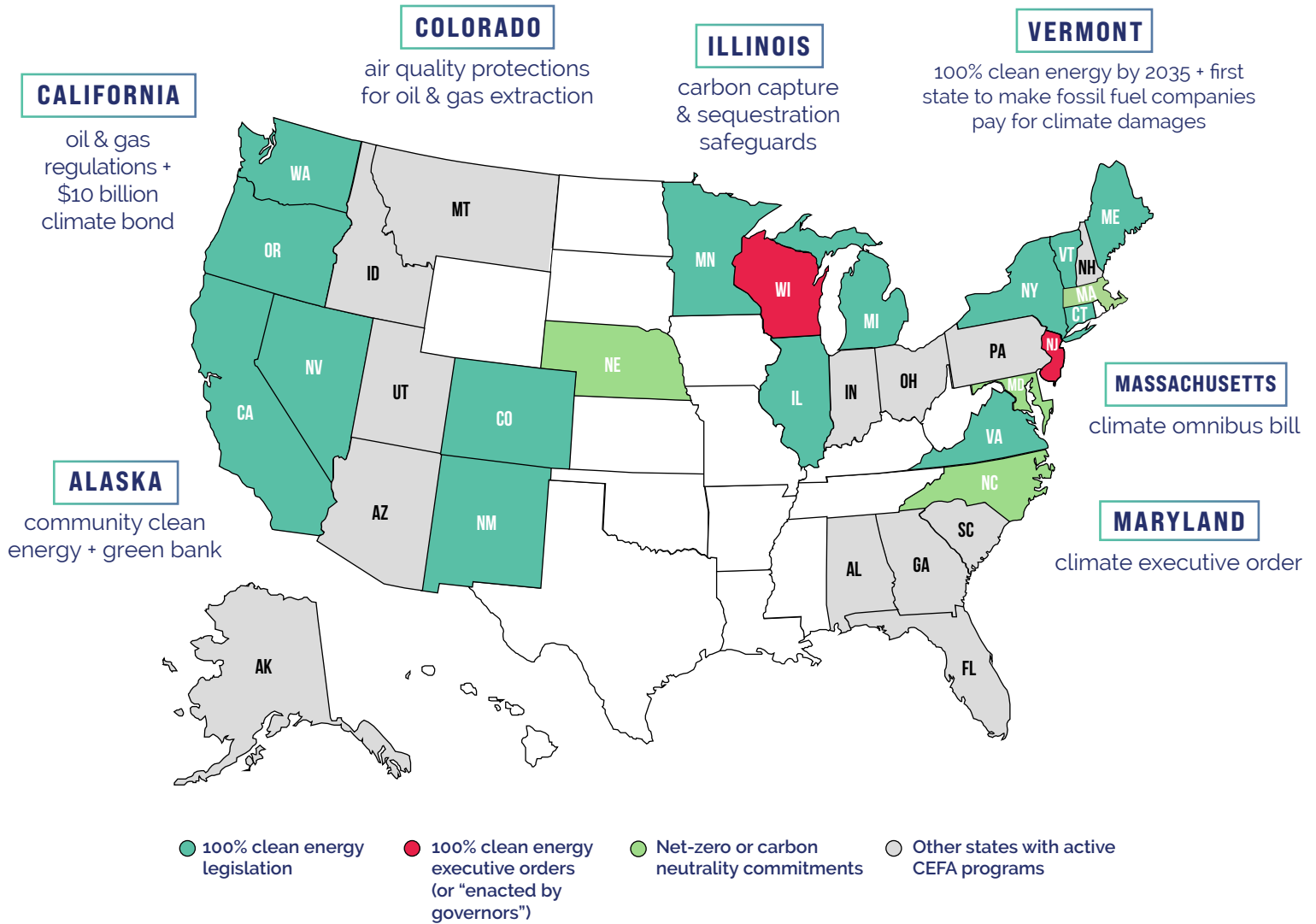
Through the Clean Energy for All campaign, the League of Conservation Voters (LCV) and our more than 30 state affiliates (together, the Conservation Voters Movement) have grown and mobilized grassroots power into a strong and strategic movement. Our movement demands that our leaders respond with the urgency needed to confront the climate crisis, hold polluters accountable, protect communities, and ensure the benefits of clean energy are accessible to everyone, everywhere.

When we launched the Clean Energy For All campaign in 2018, 100% clean energy was a pioneering goal, but thanks to six years of building power, we have raised the bar and secured bold commitments to clean energy from state and local leaders across the United States, including **100% clean energy commitments in 16 states in the Conservation Voters Movement**. This year, Vermont joined this growing list by passing legislation to achieve 100% carbon-free electricity by 2035, and became the first state to make major fossil fuel companies pay for damage caused by climate change.

Nationwide, fruitful clean energy solutions are being realized. This year, the country's first commercial-scale offshore wind project was completed, states made critical investments in the electricity grid to support more renewable energy, customers made their voices heard to demand utilities put people over profits, and Inflation Reduction Act programs connected people around the country with tangible opportunities and benefits.

The exciting progress in this report demonstrates how, **thanks to the CVM's leadership, we are driving an equitable transition to clean energy for all.**

CEFA CLEAN ENERGY ACHIEVEMENTS



CLEAN ENERGY FOR ALL BY THE NUMBERS

Clean Energy for All 2024 Accomplishments

ORGANIZED OVER

4,700 Meetings with
Decision-makers
& Staff

DROVE MORE THAN

141,500

Public Contacts to
Decisionmakers

TURNED OUT NEARLY

29,600

People to Events

LANDED NEARLY

2,100 Op-eds, LTEs
and mentions in
news articles

More than **40%** of
Americans live in a
place that is committed
to **100% clean energy**

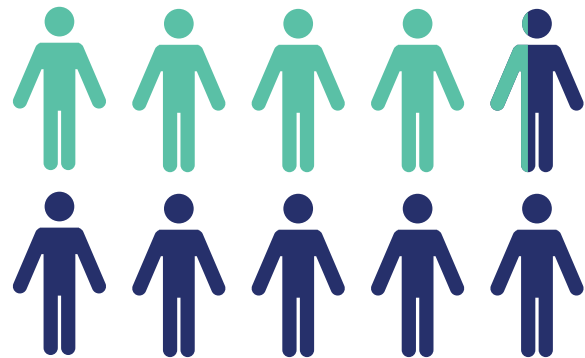


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ALASKA CLEAN ENERGY PROGRESS

COMMUNITY CLEAN ENERGY

Alaska enacted the Saving Alaskans Money with Voluntary Community Energy (SAVE) Act, which authorizes shared off-site energy facilities, such as community solar, an arrangement in which many separate electricity customers buy into a solar project together. This helps incentivize solar development and allows renters and people who are otherwise unable to install solar panels on their property due to cost or infrastructure restraints to access the cost savings of clean energy.

ALIGNING TRANSMISSION

Alaska enacted legislation to reform electricity transmission in the Railbelt – the state's most populous region – by unifying transmission between the four major utilities that operate in the area and eliminating inefficient and expensive utility-imposed fees on energy running through the segmented system. Alaska also set up new state oversight to better align transmission infrastructure maintenance and cost recovery.

GREEN BANK

Alaska established its first green bank, which will provide financing for important clean energy, energy efficiency, and other climate mitigation projects.



Alaska Center staff at the organization's annual celebration and auction event.

THE ALASKA CENTER

THE CVM DIFFERENCE

The Alaska Center led efforts to win a green bank, community clean energy law and energy transmission improvements for more than six years. The AK Center publicly supported and communicated with their members about the importance of a green bank, provided testimony and written analysis for the transmission bill, and collaborated with partners to draft the community clean energy bill language and fought to keep it centered around benefiting low- and middle- income Alaskans. They also held hundreds of lobby meetings with legislators to answer questions and address concerns about all three policies. Their advocacy ensured strong, nonpartisan support in the Legislature and from Governor Mike Dunleavy, typically a proponent of more fossil fuel extraction in Alaska, who even invited the organization to attend the SAVE Act bill signing.

The AK Center also helped build and mobilize broad support for their priorities across the state, including procuring letters of endorsement and op-eds from community leaders and stakeholders, developing business partnerships, securing backing from utilities, and leading the development of a new partnership with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers union to incorporate labor standards in an environmental bill. The AK Center engaged and activated the public behind these issues, generating over 200 petition signatures in support of community solar, driving 10 testimonies at legislative hearings this year, generating over 60 messages to lawmakers, and co-hosting a Just Transition Summit with over 300 attendees that included 25 constituent lobby meetings.

After the session ended, AK Center spread awareness of the legislative victories and pushed to ensure the governor signed them into law. This included organizing a "Clean Power Happy Hour" event with the SAVE Act's primary sponsor, which moved more than 10 people to sign up to volunteer with the AK Center.



As the fastest warming state in the country, Alaska must be at the forefront of climate and clean energy solutions. This year, The Alaska Center led efforts to communicate that urgency to legislators through lobbying and volunteer mobilization, resulting in major clean energy policy wins: Community Energy, Transmission upgrades, and a Green Bank. This is a huge step forward in Alaska's transition away from its recent history as an extractive state toward one that leads in clean energy and circular economies.

– Chantal de Alcuaz

Co-Executive Director, The Alaska Center



Governor Mike Dunleavy signing Community Energy into law with Alaska Center Co-Executive Director Chantal de Alcuaz.

California CLEAN ENERGY PROGRESS

PROTECTING COMMUNITIES FROM OIL & GAS EXTRACTION

California enacted a package of legislation that tightens safeguards for fossil fuel extraction by requiring operators to develop comprehensive plans to plug idle oil wells, fining low-producing oil wells near communities to encourage closure, protecting the authority of local governments to regulate or ban oil and gas operations in their jurisdiction, and affirming the state's commitment to protect the public from oil and gas pollution.

CLIMATE BOND

California voters passed a \$10 billion climate bond that will provide vital funding for climate resiliency, wildfire mitigation, air quality, and conservation, and support advancement of electric transmission, battery energy storage, and offshore wind port infrastructure development.

PROMOTING BUILDING DECARBONIZATION

California authorized pilot neighborhood-scale building decarbonization projects, which will allow utilities to electrify all buildings in a community or install thermal energy networks instead of replacing methane gas lines. The state also charged utility regulators with adopting a planning process for evaluating zero-emission alternatives to gas pipeline replacement projects.

IMPROVING ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION

The California FY2025 budget included \$551 million for the Equitable Building Decarbonization Program, which expands access to clean, efficient, zero-emission heating and cooling systems, weatherization, and other essential home upgrades, while prioritizing low-income and environmental justice communities and job creation.

REDUCING FREIGHT TRAIN EMISSIONS

The California South Coast Air Quality Management District – responsible for regulating stationary sources of air pollution in the nation's second most populous area – adopted the Freight Rail Yards Indirect Source Rule, which requires rail yard operators to meet specific air pollution reductions targets. The new rule is expected to remove 10.5 tons of toxic nitrogen oxide emissions from the air daily between 2027 and 2050.



Activists at the Make Polluters Pay rally for legislation to tighten oil and gas extraction safeguards.

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL VOTERS THE CVM DIFFERENCE



California Environmental Voters (EnviroVoters) runs robust legislator education and accountability efforts to advance climate action. This year, EnviroVoters convened a monthly legislative climate caucus, organized the third annual multi-day Climate Summit with lawmakers to discuss policy and strategize, held meetings with members of key committees ahead of votes, and participated in every committee hearing to provide testimony on their priority bills. EnviroVoters also led partners in establishing the climate bond as a priority for lawmakers and securing two-thirds support from the Legislature to get it on the ballot for voters.

EnviroVoters' public advocacy and engagement included strategic digital campaigns across their social channels, seven educational "Know Your Bill" videos to inform Californians about important legislation, mobilization of their membership at pivotal moments, community power building and organizing across the state, collaboration with broad coalitions, and cultivation of their media relationships to develop and maintain an earned media drumbeat and race to the top for legislators to act on clean energy. With allies, EnviroVoters also countered misinformation about building decarbonization, which helped ensure the legislation passed through a committee typically unfriendly to building decarbonization policies. Through their outreach, EnviroVoters drove nearly 90,000 constituent calls and messages to decision makers.

To secure this year's wins to strengthen regulations on oil and gas extraction, EnviroVoters made the strategic decision to move three bills together to build unified support from legislators and pressure the governor to sign them together. EnviroVoters used their strong political reputation, public visibility and credibility, and relationships with high-profile news outlets statewide to elevate the package as an environmental justice priority and successfully get the bills passed and signed into law.



This year, California Environmental Voters made progress toward holding corporate polluters accountable, marking a significant shift from 2021 when every climate bill in California died in the Senate. With the passage of legislation to electrify entire neighborhoods and strengthen oil and gas regulations, the Legislature is sending a clear message: corporations responsible for the climate crisis must clean up their mess, not taxpayers. We remain fully committed to advancing policies that confront the climate crisis with the urgency it demands.

– **Mary Creasman**

Chief Executive Officer, California Environmental Voters



California Environmental Voters Deputy Legislative Director Melissa Romero speaking at the state capitol in support of the climate bond.

COLORADO **CLEAN ENERGY PROGRESS**

REGULATING DIRTY ENERGY PRODUCTION

Colorado tightened regulations on oil and methane gas production by strengthening air quality targets and enforcement, requiring more scrutiny for air polluting facilities in disproportionately impacted communities, and plugging abandoned and under-performing oil wells. The state also established a new fee for oil and gas production that is projected to generate an estimated \$138 million in annual revenue that will be invested in transit projects and public land conservation.

PROTECTING ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE COMMUNITIES

Colorado expanded and funded key environmental justice programs and hired a government expert on oil and gas refinery pollution and cumulative impact analyses who will inform how the state must protect the communities most burdened by pollution.

CARBON CAPTURE & SEQUESTRATION SAFEGUARDS

Colorado's Legislature enacted safeguards for carbon capture and storage (CCS) and laid the groundwork to ensure that CCS technologies actually reduce emissions and do not cause further harm to disproportionately impacted communities. The state also mandated further analysis of CCS and other similar nascent technologies before adopting them.

PROMOTING TRANSIT-ACCESSIBLE HOUSING

The Colorado Legislature passed a suite of five landmark policies that address transportation emissions – the state's largest source of climate pollution – and housing needs by promoting affordable housing development in coordination with public transit expansion.

HISTORIC TRANSIT FUNDING

Colorado's FY2025 budget included unprecedented funding for public transit, over \$100 million annually, which moves Colorado from 44th to 22nd in the nation for state transit funding. Improving and increasing public transit options will reduce the number of cars on the road, resulting in less air pollution that threatens our health and climate.

INVESTING IN ELECTRIFICATION AND THE GRID

Colorado passed comprehensive legislation to modernize the local electric grid and invest in the electrification of buildings and transportation, distributed solar, infill housing, and more. This will result in significant cost savings for utility customers by right-sizing the grid, and it is a critical tool to meet energy demand and build climate resilience.

CONSERVATION COLORADO AND PROTÉGETE THE CVM DIFFERENCE



At the beginning of 2024, Coloradans were at extreme risk of an oil and gas-backed attempt to reverse a decade of important climate progress. However, due to Conservation Colorado (CoCO)'s strategic advocacy and power building efforts – including building a pro-conservation trifecta in the Legislature – not only did the organization successfully block the rollbacks, but they also won more regulations on fossil fuel production that will protect Coloradans health and environment . CoCO worked with a diverse coalition of partners to develop this year's air quality legislation and helped facilitate critical negotiations between the governor's administration, legislative leadership, environmental groups, and the fossil fuel industry to shape and secure a major agreement – enacting the new regulations and preventing over a dozen regressive oil and gas-sponsored ballot initiatives.

To push climate action this legislative session, CoCO led multiple lobby days, connected hundreds of constituents with their lawmakers, and joined Protégete, CoCO's initiative to amplify Latine voices in environmental and climate policymaking, for their annual Latino Advocacy Day that turned out 400 Coloradans. In addition, CoCO held more than five educational webinars and four legislative session kick-off events in different municipalities across the state with legislative champions to discuss policy priorities that had over 60 attendees. Through these efforts to mobilize public support, CoCO recruited nine activists to give committee testimonies and sent over 1,700 constituent messages to key legislators.

Protégete's Climate Justice Leadership Academy had eight graduates from its inaugural Boards and Commissions fellowship this year, four of whom were appointed to serve on different boards within the state and local governments. The fellowship's second cohort began this fall and 20 people were selected to participate.



Colorado has played an outsized role over the last 15 years in the climate and clean energy space and often what we are doing here sets the bar and becomes national policy. This last session was no exception. Together, we secured nationally-leading policies on climate, air, lands, water and healthier communities, while also stopping an attempt by the oil and gas industry to roll back a decade's worth of climate progress through more than a dozen dangerous ballot initiatives.

– **Kelly Nordini**
CEO, Conservation Colorado



Colorado state Representative Jennifer Bacon demanding action to improve air quality during a press conference held by Conservation Colorado, Protégete and partners in the state capitol.

ILLINOIS CLEAN ENERGY PROGRESS

CARBON CAPTURE & SEQUESTRATION PROTECTIONS



Illinois passed some of the nation's strongest safeguards for carbon sequestration sites, including groundwater standards that surpass federal requirements, a "do no harm" mandate for polluting facilities that are attempting to capture carbon, and a moratorium on CO2 pipelines for two years or until long-awaited federal safety and oversight rules are finalized.

IMPROVING CLEAN ENERGY WORKFORCE HUBS PROGRAM



The 2021 Climate and Equitable Jobs Act (CEJA), Illinois' landmark 100% clean energy law, created a clean energy workforce hubs program, and this year, new legislation identified a 14th location for workforce programming and will accelerate the speed of implementation.

RENEWABLE ENERGY ACCESS PLAN



Illinois adopted its first roadmap to ensure the state meets CEJA's requirements for an equitable, reliable, and cost-effective clean electricity system. It covers recommendations on topics like incentives and enforcement mechanisms, land use, and transmission planning to achieve state decarbonization goals by 2050.

REQUIRING CLIMATE CHANGE EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS



Illinois became the 5th state to mandate that public schools include climate change in their curriculum starting in 2026. The law requires that students learn about the environmental and ecological impacts of climate change on individuals and communities, and solutions to mitigate these impacts.

DEFENDING SOLAR DEVELOPMENT



The Illinois Legislature defeated a proposed bill that sought to hinder renewable energy development by increasing the setback requirement for solar facilities and halting the construction of most planned solar projects across the state.



Advocates gathering in the state capitol in support of regulations for carbon capture and sequestration.

ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL THE CVM DIFFERENCE



The Illinois Environmental Council (IEC) is an integral founding member of the Illinois Clean Jobs Coalition (ICJC), and this year, IEC helped launch and promote the ICJC policy platform, which charts a roadmap for action in three key emissions sectors: electricity, transportation, and buildings.

IEC's public engagement efforts included organizing a series of lobby days at the state capitol, which turned out nearly 400 constituents, and hosting 23 students from the Environmental Leadership Program at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. IEC also held several lunch and learn webinars with over 600 attendees, drove more than 3,000 witness slips at legislative committee hearings and over 2,300 constituent messages to legislators – 1250 of which were gathered in one week – and set up five Listen Lead Share presentations to drive the narrative of each ICJC policy priority. Additionally, IEC leads communications for the state environmental community, and, in 2024, IEC secured 135 press hits statewide uplifting climate priorities and advocacy, and made video content to amplify grassroots support and share personal stories connected to policy solutions.

To win the hard-earned carbon capture and sequestration (CCS) legislation, IEC and coalition partners built power in downstate communities that would be impacted by proposed CCS pipelines over multiple years. They created political will around the issue by educating lawmakers on the consequences of unregulated CCS and securing 25 bill sponsors. After laying the groundwork, IEC and allies introduced the CCS safeguards law, engaged in robust negotiations with the governor's office and industry stakeholders, and mobilized broad public support to get it across the finish line.



IEC is a longtime leader in advocating for clean energy jobs, climate action, and environmental justice and acts as an important convener—bringing together environmental perspectives from across the state that influence how we shape policy. The Illinois Clean Jobs Coalition is now doubling down on wins secured in 2021's Climate and Equitable Jobs Act by pursuing policies that electrify transportation and buildings while tackling transit mobility and grid resilience. To do that, we need IEC at the table, leading town halls and mobilizing constituents statewide.

– **Liliana Scales**

State Director, Illinois Clean Jobs Coalition



Illinois Environmental Council Municipal Engagement Manager Angela Xu giving a presentation on Inflation Reduction Act opportunities in Illinois.



MARYLAND CLEAN ENERGY PROGRESS

MAJOR CLIMATE EXECUTIVE ORDER



Governor Wes Moore signed an executive order mandating a whole-government approach to address climate change and implement Maryland's Climate Pollution Reduction Plan, which includes calling for a framework to reach 100% clean energy by 2035, a clean heat standard and zero-emission heating equipment standards, updated transportation emissions reduction targets, and a new multi-state Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) cap for power plant CO₂ emissions. In addition, Moore established a new Governor's Subcabinet on Climate, which will report on the state's progress annually starting this year, and required all state agencies to submit climate plans that incorporate Justice40 provisions.

\$90 MILLION CLIMATE INVESTMENT



The Maryland FY2025 budget included \$50 million for building electrification initiatives, \$23 million for installing electric vehicle chargers at multi-family buildings, and \$17 million for Electric School Buses. At least 50% of the funding is designated to uplift historically overburdened and underserved communities, definitions Maryland LCV pushed to develop and codify in 2022.

INCREASING SOLAR ACCESS



Maryland enacted legislation that increases state incentives for solar development by creating new and extending existing tax exemptions for community solar projects, and establishing a short-term bridge program to help finance smaller solar projects on rooftops and parking lots, and government and nonprofit facilities.

EXPANDING ENERGY EFFICIENCY



The Maryland Legislature passed reforms that update the state's successful EmPOWER energy efficiency program. The reforms set clear greenhouse gas reduction targets and introduce incentives for adopting efficient electric appliances and heating systems.

ACHIEVING OFFSHORE WIND GOALS



Maryland lawmakers directed regulators to create a plan to achieve the state's statutory goal of producing 8.5 gigawatts of offshore wind by 2031, which was passed last year.



Maryland LCV and Chispa MD at the Festival de Rio celebrating the ten-year anniversary of Chispa MD.

MARYLAND LEAGUE OF CONSERVATION VOTERS & CHISPA MARYLAND

THE CVM DIFFERENCE



Maryland LCV has worked closely with Governor Wes Moore, pushing him to step up as a climate champion and take critical environmental action in his first term. Moore's historic climate executive order builds upon the Maryland Climate Pollution Reduction Plan (CPRP), released in 2023. Maryland LCV was heavily involved in the development of the plan. The organization compiled a robust memo for the administration, identifying key actions to address climate change, and they educated and engaged Marylanders on priority issues, driving more than 250 public comments on the draft plan. Maryland LCV's Executive Director Kim Coble serves as co-chair of the state Commission on Climate Change, which provided policy recommendations to achieve Maryland's climate goals. Due to Maryland LCV's advocacy and leadership, Coble was also invited to speak at Moore's executive order signing event.

In the Legislature, Maryland LCV held over 100 lobby meetings, coordinated partners on shared issues, provided written and oral testimony, attended priority bill hearings and offered legislative amendments. Maryland LCV also maintained a drumbeat of public support and mobilized their base through multiple well-attended events, including an Environmental Legislative Summit with keynote speaker U.S. Senator Ben Cardin and over 200 attendees, an Environmental & Climate Justice Reception with around 100 attendees, and 14 weekly Friday Digest webinars discussing this year's policy priorities and opportunities that turned out 825 people. Chispa MD celebrated its 10th anniversary and for the first time, hosted an advocacy day in which 17 environmental health community advocates, promotoras, from the program's five Community Committees met with four legislative offices. All together, Maryland LCV's efforts resulted in more than 5,600 constituent messages to legislators.



This year's environmental wins in Maryland – from landmark executive orders to groundbreaking legislation – reflect the culmination of strategic advocacy at all levels. Our team's 150+ legislative meetings, coupled with Chispa Maryland's grassroots mobilization and our far-reaching digital campaign, created a powerful chorus for change. These successes prove that when we combine policy expertise with community voices and innovative outreach, we can shape a cleaner, more equitable future for all Marylanders.

– **Kim Coble**

Executive Director, Maryland League of Conservation Voters



Governor Wes Moore signing his climate executive order with Maryland LCV Executive Director Kim Coble.



MASSACHUSETTS CLEAN ENERGY PROGRESS

CLEAN ENERGY OMNIBUS BILL



The Massachusetts Legislature passed a comprehensive climate law that will streamline clean energy permitting and siting, requires consideration of climate goals in making decisions about methane gas, increases options for electric vehicle infrastructure deployment, and promotes battery energy storage and offshore wind.

ASSESSING CUMULATIVE IMPACTS OF POLLUTION



Massachusetts finalized amendments to its air pollution regulations, setting the nation's first requirements for obtaining permits in or near environmental justice communities. Under the new rules, permit applicants must conduct a cumulative impact analysis to examine current environmental and public health conditions in the local community and carry out enhanced public outreach and engagement.

OFFICE OF ENERGY TRANSFORMATION



Massachusetts Governor Maura Healey established the country's first state agency dedicated to overseeing the clean energy transition, the Office of Energy Transformation, which is charged with ensuring the availability and readiness of electrical infrastructure, a coordinated decarbonization strategy to phase out methane gas, and a just transition for impacted workers and businesses.

MULTI-STATE OFFSHORE WIND PROCUREMENT



Massachusetts announced the first multi-state offshore wind procurement with Rhode Island, selecting projects that will power over 1.4 million homes in the two states.

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE STRATEGY



The Healey administration released a new Environmental Justice Strategy to embed environmental justice and equity considerations into the work of the state energy and environment office and all departments under its purview.

Environmental League of Massachusetts Offshore Wind Director Kelt Wilska and New England for Offshore Wind coalition partners from the United Brotherhood of Carpenters & Joiners of America at the annual offshore wind International Partnering Forum.



ENVIRONMENTAL LEAGUE OF MASSACHUSETTS

THE CVM DIFFERENCE



The Environmental League of Massachusetts (ELM) has championed accelerated siting of decarbonization infrastructure. When omnibus energy bill discussions broke down on the last day of legislative session, ELM led coalition partners to maintain a strong lobbying presence with House and Senate energy committee chairs, ensuring negotiations continued and lawmakers consistently heard from multiple stakeholders. This advocacy successfully pushed lawmakers to compromise and revive the bill in a special session.

In the legislation, ELM supported provisions for improved stakeholder engagement, critical environmental protections, and strong community benefit agreements that would reduce inequities in host community outcomes. ELM also supported partners at the state environmental justice table, helping get their definition of cumulative impact analysis included in the final bill.

ELM served on Governor Healey's transition committee in her first term and has worked closely with the administration to cement the governor as a national climate leader. ELM advised the new Office of Energy Transformation director, helping to shape the office's initial three focus areas and makeup, and the organization was appointed to the Massachusetts Energy Transformation Advisory Board.

In 2021, ELM coordinated with community-based, frontline groups to secure a directive to develop cumulative impacts analysis rules in the Next-Generation Roadmap Act. This year, ELM joined the environmental justice table in providing comments during the rulemaking process, and ensuring the amended air pollution regulations were finalized and adopted.

Lastly, ELM convenes over 100 organizations in the New England for Offshore Wind coalition, which promotes the responsible advancement of offshore wind through regional collaboration. In this role, ELM pushed for the state offshore wind procurement and advocated for the development of the offshore wind projects selected.



There are many advocacy groups on Beacon Hill, but the Environmental League of Massachusetts stands out as the most hard-working, strategic, and knowledgeable group of people I have had the pleasure of working with. There is no bigger challenge to humanity than climate change and their team has been remarkably effective in passing nation-leading policy to address this crisis.

– **Representative Dylan Fernandes**
Massachusetts House of Representatives



Environmental League of Massachusetts hosting the third annual New England for Offshore Wind coalition gathering, the largest group to date.

VERMONT CLEAN ENERGY PROGRESS

100% RENEWABLE ENERGY STANDARD

Vermont enacted an updated Renewable Energy Standard (RES) that sets the fastest timeline in the country for Vermont's two largest utilities, which serve roughly 70% of the state, to transition to 100% clean electricity. Additionally, all other utilities must transition to 100% clean electricity by 2035. The RES also doubles the requirement for in-state renewables from 10% to 20% of the electricity each utility delivers. These new renewable requirements will help Vermont more swiftly decarbonize as more Vermonters electrify their heating and transportation needs.

MAKING POLLUTERS PAY

Vermont became the first state to make Big Oil pay for climate damages under a landmark Climate Superfund Law. The law requires the largest fossil fuel companies to cover the costs of state climate damages proportional to their emissions dating back to 1995. The revenue generated will provide funding for disaster response, climate change adaptation, and resilience projects.



Members of Vermont's Youth Lobby hosting a press event at the State House calling on Governor Scott and the Legislature to advance clean energy solutions, including a 100% Renewable Energy Standard. (Photo credit: Elijah Kushen, VPIRG)

VERMONT CONSERVATION VOTERS

THE CVM DIFFERENCE



Vermont Conservation Voters (VCV) and partner Vermont Natural Resources Council (VNRC) participated in multiple coalitions and collaborated with allies, key stakeholders, and policy makers to secure these wins. VCV and VNRC undertook the research, analysis and outreach necessary to build a credible case for their priorities, led efforts to shape the public narrative on these issues, and informed, engaged and mobilized their members and supporters to make their voices heard with lawmakers. In 2024, VCV and VNRC co-hosted multiple lobby days that turned out business groups, faith groups and youth, and helped foster over 120 lobby meetings, drove over 500 constituent messages to legislators, testified in over 12 committee hearings, submitted over a dozen joint comments and press releases with partners, held multiple press events, and garnered over 150 press hits amplifying these policies.

On the heels of a billion-dollar flooding disaster, VCV helped lead a coalition to develop a nation-leading polluter pays policy for fossil fuel companies, setting the stage for the Climate Superfund and gaining overwhelming tri-partisan support in the Legislature – strong enough to motivate Vermont's reluctant Governor Phil Scott to let the bill become law without his signature. To enact the 100% Renewable Energy Standard, VCV and VNRC ran a month-long paid media campaign in every state legislative district, as well as a more targeted media push in three priority Senate districts and five House districts that helped secure the needed votes to override the governor's veto.



For two years in a row, the climate crisis has hit Vermont hard – flooding our downtowns, upending the lives of too many Vermonters, and straining already-strapped local and state budgets. That's why I'm so proud of the progress we made this legislative session with the support of Vermont Conservation Voters – and the commitment the Legislature has – to continue to help our communities and all Vermonters dramatically cut planet-warming pollution by accessing cleaner energy technologies and become more resilient in an increasingly warming world.

– **Representative Amy Sheldon**
House Environment and Energy Committee Chair,
Vermont House of Representatives



Vermont Conservation Voters' Executive Director Lauren Hierl helping launch the Make Big Oil Pay campaign, which resulted in Vermont enacting a policy to establish a first-in-the-world climate superfund paid for by the largest fossil fuel corporations. (Photo credit: Elijah Kushen, VPIRG)

More State Progress

ALABAMA



Conservation Alabama is building the groundwork to create the conditions for effective advocacy on issues where there has been limited momentum in the past. The organization has undertaken extensive outreach efforts to develop partnerships and working relationships with organizations, communities and institutions across the state, representing a wide range of constituencies and issues, including education, faith, real estate, business, conservation, and justice.

Through this leadership, Conservation AL joined with allies to draft a multi-year renewable energy policy agenda for the Alabama Public Service Commission (PSC) and the state Legislature. Conservation AL also brought together partners and impacted residents to successfully defeat a reckless proposed hydropower project that would have flooded the towns of Steele and Gallant and displaced homeowners and landowners in the two rural, low-income communities, known for generations as the producers of the state's best tomatoes. Additionally, the hydropower project would have used more energy than it generated.

Looking forward, Conservation AL has begun the process to develop a state-wide public education and accountability campaign focused on the PSC to address the extreme utility bill costs and energy burden borne by Alabamans.



Alabama Power continues to raise rates on Alabama families and businesses while doubling down on natural gas and blocking renewable generation. Meanwhile, homeowners, retailers, and farmers are beginning to ask, loudly, why Alabama Power is so hostile to solar energy and why the Public Service Commission is in the pocket of the industries it's supposed to be regulating. I'm thrilled that Conservation Alabama is doing the political planning and research to help our coalition lead an overdue ratepayer revolt in Alabama.

- Daniel Tate
Executive Director, Energy Alabama

ARIZONA



Chispa Arizona leads extensive grassroots outreach to educate energy customers about the Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC), the body that regulates utilities, and mobilizes them to demand fair and transparent ACC processes and advocate for an equitable transition to clean energy.

This year, Chispa AZ led a campaign that fought back against utility electric rate and solar charge increases approved by the ACC, which did not go through a fair public process. Together with partners, Chispa AZ hosted social media live events that more than 1,100 people viewed in English and Spanish to learn about the potential impacts of the rate increase and the need for accountability at the ACC. The organization also partnered on a “why is my bill so dang high?” educational event and held a “Collaging Truth to Power” event where attendees created collages with environmental justice themes. Additionally, Chispa AZ ran digital ads for over a month and turned out over a dozen advocates to ACC hearings. Chispa AZ’s efforts gathered 370 petition signatures opposing the rate increase and ensured significant media coverage on a topic that typically does not attract public or media attention. Due to this advocacy, the state Attorney General called on the ACC to reconsider the rate increase, threatened to sue the commission for violating open meeting laws, and required them to hold another public hearing.

Nearly 600 people attended eight listening sessions hosted by Chispa AZ and community partners to build enthusiasm and survey local residents in South and West Phoenix about potential Inflation Reduction Act micro-projects to modernize thermostats at zero cost. Chispa AZ also hosted a summit that brought out 100 community members, elected officials, and community leaders to collaborate on priority micro-projects, and secure available federal resources for protecting public lands, transitioning to clean energy and clean transit systems, and reducing air pollution.



Chispa Arizona is an excellent organization that supports its members in different areas, from providing important information about the environment, community issues like high electricity bills, and human rights, to clean energy job opportunities for the Latinx community in Arizona. It also adds value to our social justice work, as it grows our capacity to exercise our rights and responsibilities as a community and creates opportunities to participate in policy proposals, demonstrations, and public events in favor of our people.

– **Alejandra Piñera**
Chispa Arizona Member

CONNECTICUT



Connecticut enacted legislation to encourage solar development, which included extending two statewide solar programs that were set to end in 2025, allowing municipalities to simplify approvals of solar canopies, and requiring school boards to assess the feasibility of installing solar on new buildings that they are seeking state funding to construct. Connecticut also committed to examining their solar taxes to ensure projects generate needed revenue for municipalities while remaining affordable.

In support of solar and clean energy advancement, Connecticut LCV (CTLCV) held its largest-ever annual Environmental Summit this year, which connected 377 advocates and lawmakers, in-person and virtually, for sessions exploring clean energy and climate policy. CTLCV also co-hosted four lobby days with over 100 attendees, helped organize a climate march at the capitol with more than 200 attendees, and launched an "Action Hour" series that brought experts into seven virtual public forums to discuss climate solutions, including a testimony training with over 60 participants.

CTLCV successfully prevented a fossil fuel-intensive series of bills that would have increased reliance on methane gas, undermined regulatory oversight of energy companies, and diminished the state's clean energy program and Renewable Portfolio Standards. In addition, CTLCV joined local advocates and environmental justice partners to defeat a proposed trash incineration plant in an environmental justice community.

CTLCV is active in the state offshore wind table and a member of the CVM-led New England for Offshore Wind coalition. In this role, the organization helps advocate for the development of the offshore wind industry in Connecticut, including working with labor allies and state agencies to renovate the port in New London to support offshore wind. Completed this year, the State Pier Terminal is now the only active East Coast offshore wind marshaling terminal with unobstructed ocean access and was critical to the construction of South Fork Wind, the nation's first commercial-scale offshore wind project.



I've witnessed the challenges and what it takes to bring the offshore wind industry to America. Thanks to CTLCV and partners, we transformed the State Pier into a state-of-the-art offshore wind terminal, which played a key role in building America's first utility-scale offshore wind farm. We rely on strong advocates to ensure there is informed public, private, and government support for the realization of our state's clean energy goals. CTLCV has been at the forefront as Connecticut's leading voice in sustainability and the renewable energy transition.

– Ulysses Hammond
Interim Executive Director, Connecticut Port Authority

GEORGIA



For more than five years, Georgia Conservation Voters (GCV) has spearheaded critical powerbuilding work to shift the political and public will around climate action and advance bold clean energy solutions. This year, GCV launched an ambitious campaign that introduced two bipartisan 100% clean energy by 2050 resolutions in the state Legislature. GCV secured six House co-signers and 19 Senate co-signers – the most co-signers on clean energy policy in state history. GCV hosted their first 100% clean energy lobby day with dozens of partners and 35 attendees, and ran digital ads, tabled at events and more, collecting hundreds of signatures in support of clean energy. Also at the Legislature, Georgia lawmakers formed a study committee on community solar and GCV attended the first hearing to discuss priorities for possible legislation. Additionally, GCV and coalition partners defeated anti-clean energy bills that would have created unnecessary fees and additional barriers to rooftop solar, and obstructed the ability of cities across Georgia to transition to clean energy.

GCV runs public outreach and education efforts promoting equitable climate policy. These efforts include organizing community meetings and virtual events, uplifting stories about clean energy benefits, and hosting a biweekly podcast, Greater Greener Georgia, to discuss current environmental issues in Georgia and around the country.

The Georgia BRIGHT (Building Renewables, Investing for Green, Healthy, Thriving Communities) program established last year, will utilize Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) funding to remove cost barriers to solar for up to 200 homeowners across the state. GCV launched a canvass to educate communities about the IRA and increase low-income household participation in the Georgia BRIGHT program. Through these efforts, GCV knocked 23,733 doors, signed up nearly 300 homes for solar consultations, and connected residents to 2,239 other IRA opportunities. GCV organizers are also collecting and promoting personal stories of homeowners who are benefitting from solar power.



Our team made substantial strides in advancing clean energy this session. We introduced key resolutions for 100% Clean Energy with bipartisan backing and continued our advocacy for energy affordability. Even with challenges, our commitment remains strong. We're continuing our efforts locally, mobilizing communities through our canvassing campaign, and connecting residents with affordable, clean energy solutions. These efforts lay the groundwork for a more sustainable and equitable energy future in Georgia.

– Allie Brown
Deputy Director, Georgia Conservation Voters

IDAHO



Conservation Voters
FOR IDAHO

Conservation Voters for Idaho (CVI) successfully prevented hostile legislation this session, including attempts to complicate clean energy siting and block large renewable developments. Most significantly, CVI protected the Ada County Highway District (ACHD) from a series of four proposed bills that sought to severely undermine or altogether eliminate the agency responsible for transportation planning, construction, and maintenance in Idaho's most populous county. These attacks were a direct response to more than five years of work by CVI to flip the ACHD Commission to a pro-clean air, pro-bike, and pro-pedestrian infrastructure majority, and enact strong policies to reduce emissions by increasing multimodal transportation options.

CVI has established itself as a trustworthy organization with valuable perspectives that effectively help reach consensus among decision makers and stakeholders who otherwise would not readily collaborate. This includes building important partnerships with the Mainstreet Republican Caucus and Idaho's small coalition of Democrat legislators, and bringing together organizations across various issues, such as labor, commerce, industry, and agriculture.

With support from CVI, the Nez Perce Tribe in North Idaho applied for and received Inflation Reduction Act funding to reduce climate emissions and air pollution. CVI collaborates with the Tribe through the Idaho Climate Forum, and continually elevates the Tribe's wins to recognize them as climate leaders. In addition, two Idaho school districts received federal electric school bus funding following efforts by CVI over the past couple of years to educate school districts about electrifying their bus fleets and available federal grants for purchasing electric school buses. CVI also worked with the Idaho Department of Education to make it easier for school districts to apply.

Lastly, Blaine County finalized its Climate Action Plan, the culmination of five years of work by CVI to encourage localities to develop climate plans.



CVI's missions and work is personal for me and feels like I've come home. I grew up defending Idaho's untamed forests as a wildland firefighter and I'm proud to be leading an organization that fights for what makes Idaho, Idaho.

– Alexis Pickering

Executive Director, Conservation Voters for Idaho

INDIANA



As a new organization and member of the Conservation Voters Movement, Indiana Conservation Voters (ICV) made important progress toward coordinating and aligning environmental groups across the state, developing policy priorities, and identifying strategic opportunities. ICV helped reform the Hoosiers 4 Community Solar coalition, and is working with allies to get the state's first ever bipartisan community solar bill introduced. With coalition partners, ICV sent 1,200 postcards to two target districts where they collected personal advocacy stories calling for community solar – from this, ICV identified four constituent champions. ICV also helped turn out 300 advocates to Renewable Energy Day at the Statehouse and defeated a proposed coal bailout bill before it got to committee.

ICV collaborated on a federal Inflation Reduction Act grant awarded to the Indiana Solar For All coalition and serves on the program advisory board to help several disadvantaged cities deploy small solar arrays that will benefit low- and moderate-income subscribers. ICV also supported the state on federal grant applications, including for the home energy rebates program that is set to begin in 2025, and helped bring the Indiana Office of Energy Development to local community meetings to hear from residents and ensure the rebates program prioritizes low- and moderate-income households.

Duke Energy filed a rate increase this year, and ICV launched a utility accountability campaign to increase public involvement. ICV helped secure a strong letter opposing the increase from prominent Republican U.S. Representative Erin Houchin, which marks the first publicly documented instance of a member of Congress standing against a pending rate case. As part of this work, ICV canvassed four counties and knocked nearly 4,000 doors, which gathered 125 constituent messages and turned out around 250 attendees to three public hearings urging utility regulators to protect the best interests of Indianans.



Our new and growing team at Indiana Conservation Voters is committed to building strong relationships and partnerships throughout our state. Our leadership this year has expanded the voices at the table to create meaningful collaborative energy change in Indiana.

– **Delaney Barber Kwon**

Community & Government Affairs Manager, Indiana Conservation Voters

MAINE



The Biden-Harris administration greenlighted the nation's first floating offshore wind lease in the Gulf of Maine and the state pursued plans to construct a critical port to support it. Maine Conservation Voters (MCV) is at the forefront of offshore wind advocacy and co-chaired the advisory group that facilitated a two-year stakeholder engagement and site analysis process that selected the port location. With partners, MCV ran a robust media campaign to build public support for offshore wind and push back on opposition. This included securing positive news coverage, creating an offshore wind disinformation memo, and organizing in-depth reporter education meetings. Due to their leadership, MCV was invited to join the governor's press conference announcing the port location. Additionally, MCV helped steer extensive negotiations last year that won a statutory goal to procure 3 GW of offshore wind by 2040 with important environmental and labor protections, and MCV served on the committee that created the first Maine Offshore Wind Roadmap.

The Legislature allocated \$60 million for disaster relief, and improved permitting for rebuilding wharfs, docks, and piers damaged by storms and, to further aid storm response efforts, Governor Mills established an Infrastructure Rebuilding and Resilience Commission. At the State House, MCV spearheads the Maine Environmental Priorities Coalition to advance a shared policy agenda for climate action and response. This year, MCV held educational events with 3,385 attendees and nearly 6,000 additional views, sent hundreds of constituent messages to decision makers, and hosted a lobby day with 40 attendees.

Lastly, MCV has been a close ally of the Indigenous-led Wabanaki Alliance since it was established in 2020, fighting to secure sovereignty for the native peoples of Maine. This year, they successfully advocated to expand Tribal court authority to prosecute crimes that occur on their land and give the Penobscot Nation regulatory power over their drinking water.



Maine's historic floating offshore wind energy research lease is a monumental step forward in our pursuit of a clean, affordable energy future. By harnessing the power of offshore wind, Maine is not only advancing its own energy independence but also setting a new standard for the rest of the nation and the world. Ultimately, this lease will reduce our dependence on dirty and expensive fossil fuels, while bringing family-sustaining union jobs.

– **Lucy Hochshartner**
Climate and Clean Energy Director, Maine Conservation Voters

MICHIGAN



Michigan LCV defended the state's 100% clean energy law, the Clean Energy & Jobs Act (CEJA), from a ballot initiative introduced by fossil fuel and NIMBY interests that would have revoked landowners' right to make decisions about installing clean energy on their land. Michigan LCV undermined the opposition by purchasing their domain name, reporting them for campaign finance law violations that were confirmed by the Michigan secretary of state, and securing media attention. Michigan LCV also successfully changed the intentionally confusing ballot initiative language to make it clearer. These efforts prevented the initiative from making it onto the ballot.

Michigan LCV ran multi-pronged campaigns to celebrate CEJA and the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), and grow public support for clean energy solutions. The organization launched a more than \$650,000 "Make Climate Action Pay" program with targeted ads and mailers thanking four legislators who voted yes on CEJA, holding four legislators accountable for voting no, and defending six champions against fossil fuel-funded attacks.

In addition, lawmakers joined Michigan LCV to highlight CEJA and the IRA in 31 community conversations in five counties, and they garnered positive media coverage, holding two press events and placing five op-eds from legislators. Through their "Energy Savings Now!" program, Michigan LCV ran highly-targeted advertising, knocked on over 117,131 doors and spoke with 16,507 people about clean energy opportunities. Michigan LCV also drove nearly 1,600 constituent messages in support of a strong climate budget, pushing the state to match the more than \$500 million in federal IRA dollars Michigan received to implement its climate goals.

Lastly, Michigan LCV worked side-by-side with the Michigan Environmental Justice Coalition to block proposed tax breaks for data centers because lawmakers failed to responsibly regulate their energy and water usage. These failures put the environment and ratepayers at risk, and threatened Michigan's ability to meet its clean energy goals.



Thanks to Michigan's bold new clean energy laws and nation-leading investments, we're not only slashing household energy costs, but unlocking billions in federal dollars. This is about more than just getting Michigan's fair share of funds – it's about creating good-paying union jobs and boosting local economies across Michigan. We are showing the nation that investing in clean energy isn't just the right thing to do for our environment – it's the smart choice for our economic future.

– **Bob Allison**

Deputy Director, Michigan League of Conservation Voters

MINNESOTA



CONSERVATION
MINNESOTA

Minnesota passed the Energy Infrastructure Permitting Act, which will cut months or years off clean energy permitting timelines while ensuring strong public engagement. Following last year's enactment of a law to make Minnesota's energy 100% carbon-free by 2040, Conservation Minnesota (CM) participated in a stakeholder working group that identified 12 core policy recommendations that were the basis of the permitting act.

In addition, Minnesota enacted legislation to hold manufacturers accountable for their products throughout their entire lifecycle from design and creation to recycling or disposal, and it also requires all packaging to be reusable, recyclable, or compostable by 2032. This is the first major step toward closing a waste-to-energy plant in Minneapolis, a major goal of environmental justice communities polluted by the facility. The new law will cut the waste stream sent to the incineration plant by 40% over the next decade. CM drove over 1,000 members to voice their support for the bill and worked with strong partnerships to defeat large industry-backed opposition.

These wins reflect years of work by CM to build a base of over 100,000 supporters and partners – the state's largest environmental advocacy network – cultivate relationships with lawmakers on both sides of the aisle, educate decision makers, and run robust communications campaigns to promote climate solutions.

Conservation MN Voter Center (CMVC) leads efforts to celebrate decision makers who have taken climate action and call out those who blocked progress. Through this strategy, CMVC is encouraging further climate leadership by building and demonstrating support from constituents and drawing important contrasts for the public. This year, CMVC launched their largest-ever legislative transparency and accountability program that sent mailers to over 180,000 households across the state detailing how their elected leaders voted on CMVC's priorities, and they ran digital ads that reached over 850,000 Minnesotans thanking lawmakers for supporting critical policies.



Updating our laws to achieve our 100% Clean Energy goal was a top priority for us this year. The Energy Infrastructure Permitting Act will expedite processes for wind and solar projects and new transmission lines to ensure Minnesota is a leader in addressing the climate crisis. This work could not have been done without a strong partnership with our friends in labor.

– **Paul Austin**
Executive Director, Conservation Minnesota

MONTANA



Montana received almost \$50 million from the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) to improve forest management, mitigate wildfires, enhance soil quality, and reduce pollution through community-driven solutions. Montana Conservation Voters (MCV) launched the Community Localized Communications field project to educate Montanans about clean energy and IRA opportunities and submitted 190 public comments to the state supporting the IRA grant application. MCV created nine mailers and sent 23,660 pieces of mail to nearly 6,000 households, ran digital ads, and knocked 6,673 doors resulting in 395 conversations in Billings, Bozeman, and Flathead County. They also engaged their extensive supporter base, holding 11 clean energy and clean air events such as letter to the editor-writing workshops and Pint Nights at breweries with over 500 attendees, and they tabled at multiple events and at Flathead Valley Community College.

In 2023, MCV filed a lawsuit with a former Montana secretary of state and others challenging the state's extremely gerrymandered Public Service Commission (PSC) electoral maps. This year, a Montana district court denied the state's motion to dismiss the lawsuit, declared that the maps are most likely unconstitutional, and set an expedited schedule for the lawsuit. The court order highlighted the testimony from one of MCV's witnesses, a mathematician who compared the existing PSC map with more than 100,000 model maps created with neutral, nonpartisan criteria, and demonstrated that the current map is an extremely partisan outlier, not replicable by fair processes.

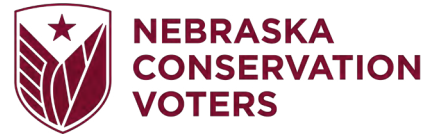
To educate Montanans about the PSC, MCV knocked on 3,741 doors and conducted 345 surveys, sent eight localized mailers to 4,348 households, and ran accompanying digital ads criticizing the PSC for approving a 24% electricity rate increase. MCV also hosted a virtual event with former Governor Brian Schweitzer and a former PSC commissioner discussing the importance of the PSC, which had over 100 attendees and gained media attention.



Montana Conservation Voters' community localized communication and canvassing work allows for building awareness quickly because people pay attention to what's happening close to home, which is important when the target, an unknown agency like the Public Service Commission, may otherwise be ignored. Further, people break out of partisan frames when they consider their town or community. This is especially helpful for reaching Montanans who tend to lean conservative and might initially be reluctant to hear messaging around climate and renewable energy deployment.

– **Andrew Maxfield**
Founder, Mad Divergence, LLC

NEBRASKA



Nebraska Conservation Voters (NCV) and community partners secured an environmental justice commitment in the strategic directive that guides one of the state's major electrical utilities, Omaha Public Power District (OPPD). After a disappointing initial proposal from OPPD, NCV ran a robust public outreach campaign to ensure the utility prioritized equity and advanced their goal to achieve net-zero carbon emissions by 2050, which NCV helped win in 2019. NCV drove hundreds of ratepayer comments, calling for more ambitious decarbonization timelines and explicit environmental justice provisions. This was the second-most comments ever submitted to OPPD directors, only behind NCV's push to pass the net-zero goal. As a result, the OPPD board rejected the draft proposal, citing the public comments generated by NCV, and instructed staff to make revisions reflecting the requests of customers.

The Nebraska Legislature changed electric vehicle charging taxes to meet eligibility requirements for Inflation Reduction Act funding. This will unlock \$40 million in federal dollars that will allow Nebraska to build electric vehicle charging infrastructure. Also at the Unicameral, NCV and industry, labor, and environmental coalition partners defeated significant attacks attempting to undermine the power of Nebraska's public utilities to implement the crucial decarbonization goals NCV helped win. Publicly elected utilities allow energy customers to have a voice in their energy directly, and NCV has led efforts for nearly a decade to educate the public about decarbonization, increase public participation in utility decision making, and cultivate clean energy champions on public utility boards. NCV and allies successfully amended two bills that would have stripped the authority of utilities to retire coal-fired plants and build clean energy projects. Additionally, they added a requirement for clean energy companies to hold public meetings in communities where projects are planned, a win for transparency and public engagement.



Omaha Public Power District's commitment to centering environmental justice in public engagement and decision-making marks a significant step forward for communities in Nebraska that have historically been left out of the decision-making process. By becoming one of the few utilities nationwide to adopt such a forward-thinking policy, we are not only celebrating OPPD's commitment to honor the voices of the public but also setting a powerful example for equity and accountability in the energy sector.

– **Favian Mendez**

Our Legacy Nebraska Program Manager, Nebraska Conservation Voters

NEVADA



NEVADA CONSERVATION LEAGUE



Nevada Conservation League (NCL), Chispa Nevada and coalition partners successfully prevented the state's largest electric utility, NV Energy, from nearly tripling the basic service charge – the flat fee just for having electricity service – for thousands of customers in Northern Nevada. The utility proposal sought to set the highest basic service charge in the nation and would have penalized solar and disincentivized energy efficiency in the state.

NCL spearheads utility accountability efforts and engages consistently with the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada (PUCN), the regulatory authority for utilities. This year, NCL launched the Utility Watch Nevada campaign with Chispa NV and six other allied organizations to expose tactics by NV Energy and Southwest Gas to hinder clean energy progress, educate customers about utility regulation processes, empower and mobilize customers to demand clean energy and utility accountability, and protect customers against unfair rate increases.

NCL ran digital and print ads to promote the campaign and secured steady media coverage, calling attention to the PUCN's lack of stakeholder engagement, amplifying the Utility Watch NV campaign, and ensuring public awareness of NV Energy's proposed rate hike. With allies, NCL gathered over 100 petition signatures opposing NV Energy's proposal and turned out dozens of people to the PUCN hearing on the utility plan, resulting in more than three hours of public comment unanimously opposing the basic service fee increase. NCL also created a satirical video highlighting NV Energy's tactics of putting corporate profits over the interests of its customers.

The extensive work by NCL and their Utility Watch partners to ensure media attention around utility regulation created public outcry, successfully undermined the political power of utilities, and gained the attention of lawmakers, elevating it to a frequent topic of conversation. This has laid the groundwork for advancing critical utility legislation when Nevada's biennial legislature is back in session in 2025.



This year, the Nevada Conservation League worked to hold corporate utilities accountable and fight for clean energy solutions that benefit all Nevadans. We know that investing in local clean energy will bolster Nevada's economy while reducing energy costs and pollution. With the help of the federal Clean Energy Plan, we have an incredible opportunity to boost energy efficiency and clean energy across our state.

– **Christi Cabrera-Georgeson**
Deputy Director, Nevada Conservation League

NEW JERSEY



New Jersey LCV Education Fund and partners won a consequential court case challenging the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (FERC) approval of a massive gas pipeline expansion project. The unanimous court ruling declared the approval "arbitrary and capricious" and ordered that FERC restart the certification process from the beginning and consider climate emissions, market demand, public interest, and New Jersey's state climate goals. New Jersey LCV Education Fund and allies successfully demonstrated that the state's current methane gas supply is sufficient, making the project completely unnecessary. They also secured the support of the New Jersey Rate Counsel, a government agency that represents the interests of utility ratepayers, and the attorneys general of seven other states who formally filed amicus briefs in opposition to the project approval. If not stopped, the gas expansion project would account for nearly half of New Jersey's climate emissions by 2050.

For the first time ever, New Jersey's state budget included dedicated funding for public transit and through the advocacy of New Jersey LCV and allies, a portion of the money will be allocated for land preservation and climate resiliency – \$250 million over the next ten years. Additionally, New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy released new Resilient Environment and Landscapes (REAL) rules, a series of regulatory actions to make the state more resilient to climate change impacts by modernizing land use and development. New Jersey LCV and coalition partners pushed back against significant opposition, helping to ensure strong rules were released and are on the path to adoption. New Jersey LCV has worked closely with the Murphy administration since the governor took office in 2018, uplifting him as a climate champion and supporting state agencies in the creation and implementation of important environmental policies.



New Jersey LCV is proud to work with partners statewide to advance a clean energy and environmentally sustainable future. We achieved important victories in green transportation infrastructure and secured \$250 million for preservation. We also successfully challenged an unnecessary gas pipeline that would have raised energy costs and caused carbon pollution to shoot through the roof — setting a national precedent. Now, we're laser-focused on passing historic legislation to reach 100% clean electricity by 2035 and energized to keep fighting for our environment and working families.

– Ed Potosnak

Executive Director, New Jersey League of Conservation Voters

NEW MEXICO



New Mexico became the fourth state to pass a Clean Transportation Fuel Standard that will provide consumers with alternative fuel sources and reduce pollution. The revenue will be invested into transportation electrification and renewable energy in rural, underserved communities. Conservation Voters New Mexico (CVNM) worked closely with partners and state leaders for three years to build support for the standard by running bilingual advocacy campaigns, combating misinformation and disinformation, and mobilizing hundreds of constituents to contact lawmakers. CVNM collaborated with rural communities to include critical equity provisions that secure the benefits of a clean fuel economy for New Mexicans outside of the state's metropolitan areas. These perspectives were pivotal to win the votes of legislators in swing districts.

Additionally, New Mexico enacted renewable energy tax credits to maximize Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) tax incentives and a state match fund to leverage millions of federal dollars for sustainable infrastructure, clean energy, and workforce development. The match fund passed unanimously due to CVNM's early bipartisan engagement of leadership. CVNM also worked with frontline and rural communities, the Navajo Nation, industry leaders, and elected officials to ensure beneficiaries of IRA funds were at the table. In support of their priorities, CVNM co-sponsored a lobby day with nearly 200 participants, including providing transportation for over 70 youth from rural areas, and generated 324 constituent calls and messages to lawmakers.

CVNM also launched the Climate Action Now NM campaign with events and earned media after spearheading a multi-year effort with environmental and social justice partners to prepare a comprehensive report detailing the state's climate progress and policy solutions that meet the needs of New Mexico's diverse communities.

Lastly, New Mexico's second-to-last coal plant was demolished and will be replaced with 100% renewable energy. CVNM helped win a 100% clean energy law in 2019 that formally started the process to close the plant.



This year, we passed bills that will reduce climate pollution and help New Mexicans save money on energy and transportation costs. This includes the Clean Transportation Fuel Standard, creating a homegrown market for lower-emission options that work in traditional gasoline-powered cars. Also, CVNM played a major role in getting the New Mexico Match Fund onto the governor's desk, which has already unlocked millions of dollars in federal funding and is helping deliver critical resources to communities that need them most.

– **Demis Foster**

Chief Executive Officer, Conservation Voters New Mexico

NEW YORK



New York passed the RAPID Act to streamline permitting for upgraded electricity transmission lines. New York also saw progress on offshore wind – the nation's first commercial-scale offshore wind project, South Fork Wind, was completed, and the state finalized contracts for two additional offshore wind projects, including Sunrise Wind which broke ground. Construction began on one of the country's largest dedicated offshore wind ports at the South Brooklyn Marine Terminal, which will support the growing industry on the East Coast. Notably, for the port's construction, labor and industry reached a first-of-its-kind project labor agreement that commits to utilizing New York's union workforce, establishes working and safety standards, and sets equity measures. Onshore, New York awarded nearly 2.5 GW of clean energy projects and adopted a statewide Solar for All program that will significantly spur solar and battery storage development.

New York Governor Kathy Hochul announced the start date of a first-of-its-kind congestion pricing program in New York City that aims to reduce vehicle traffic and pollution during peak hours and generate revenue for public transit. New York LCV (NYLCV) worked on the policy for decades with environmental justice groups, and when the program was postponed from its originally planned June launch, NYLCV came together with partners to save the program.

NYLCV helps lead various coalitions, including the Wind Works New York coalition, and they conduct strategic legislative advocacy to advance clean energy. This year, NYLCV hosted regular What's Brewin' Offshore happy hours at breweries in New York City and coastal communities, tabled at 14 events, and held seven public educational forums with legislators, experts, and over 1,000 attendees to discuss clean energy issues and combat misinformation. Along with extensive lobbying, NYLCV drove over 2,000 constituent calls and emails to lawmakers on their priorities, gave testimony on the state budget, and ran broad media campaigns.



It's exciting to see plans turning into action with more than 5 GW of distributed solar energy across the state, South Fork Wind – the nation's first commercial-scale offshore wind farm – up and running, and shovels in the ground for a new offshore wind port and Sunrise Wind. And because there's no transition without transmission, we're thrilled with the adoption of the RAPID Act to help ensure we can deliver all that clean power where it needs to go.

– Julie Tighe

President, New York League of Conservation Voters

NORTH CAROLINA



North Carolina LCV (NCLCV) Foundation leads a coalition that influences the state's design and implementation of programs funded by the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA). Their advocacy ensures that IRA dollars are used to advance equitable climate solutions and prioritize investment in frontline, low-income and overburdened communities. NCLCVF secured a commitment from the state to require equity, diversity, and inclusion training for IRA workforce development initiatives, which will help protect communities from racial and class discrimination. NCLCVF also coordinated a letter with over 30 organizations that provided recommendations for the roll out of the home electrification and efficiency rebates – the letter launched negotiations with the state about how to incorporate the recommendations into program creation and outreach. As a result, North Carolina's rebate programs will include expanded eligibility pathways, create specific opportunities for rural contractors, and dedicate funding for businesses owned by women and people of color.

NCLCVF spearheads efforts to inform decision makers and the public about IRA opportunities, and, to guarantee that North Carolinians take advantage of the landmark federal investments, they offer assistance navigating and applying for grants. This year, NCLCVF released a first-of-its-kind IRA toolkit and website that breaks down who is eligible for funding and what the funding can be used for – more than 8,000 people have used the toolkit so far. To promote the toolkit, NCLCVF has gone into communities around the state, developed deep partnerships with local governments and elected leaders, and presented to all kinds of groups and institutions, educating almost 10,000 people about the IRA. NCLCVF worked directly with people and groups to help them apply for funds, including intentional outreach in places like Princeville, the oldest Black town in the nation, which NCLCVF is helping apply for an IRA environmental justice grant. Lastly, NCLCVF planned a workshop for energy professionals to discuss their role to ensure equitable implementation of the IRA.



North Carolina is fully engaged in the implementation of the Inflation Reduction Act. Through working in and through communities to help folks apply for programs they need, NCLCVF has played a dominant role in helping federal funds flow to communities. We fully believe that use of these funds will reduce our reliance on fossil fuels and force us to move away from the largest proposed methane gas buildout in the United States.

– **Michelle (Meech) Carter**

Clean Energy Campaigns Director, North Carolina League of Conservation Voters

OHIO



Ohio Environmental Council

Ohio approved the nation's largest agrivoltaic facility – a project hosting both solar and agriculture – Oak Run Solar, which will generate up to 800 MW of clean energy with 300 MW of battery storage. Ohio also hosts one of the first utility-scale agrivoltaic projects, Madison Fields outside of Columbus, which had its inaugural fully operational growing season.

The Ohio Environmental Council (OEC) is deeply engaged in clean energy permitting – including for Oak Run Solar – and is a powerful and respected legal party in the decision making process. The OEC was instrumental in getting Oak Run across the finish line. They submitted formal arguments in favor of the facility, helped write and negotiate the terms and conditions in the project's contract to ensure the addition of environmental protections, provided testimony detailing the climate and environmental benefits, and participated in cross-examination of opposing witnesses during the hearing. In addition, the OEC conducted public outreach and education efforts in local communities to build support for Oak Run Solar and secured letters from Central Ohio officials endorsing the project. Notably, state regulators adopted OEC's argument that in order to deny a solar project in the name of the public interest, there must be "unanimous" opposition.

AEP Ohio, the largest electric utility in Ohio, sought state approval for a plan to raise customers' rates by 13% over six years, beginning this summer. The OEC joined the case as an official intervening party to fight for equity and affordability, and successfully cut the proposal by more than half, reducing the rate increase to 4.5% over the next four years. Due to the OEC's advocacy, AEP Ohio also agreed to expand energy efficiency and other cost-saving programs, and implement protections for low-income ratepayers, and state regulators ordered the utility to commit shareholder funding for bill repayment assistance.



Ohio has found creative ways to get things done: the Oak Run project is the largest solar project in Ohio history, an innovative solar agrivoltaic project that will provide multiple public benefits – creating jobs, making our grid more reliable, and supporting a healthier environment. The OEC also was able to secure energy efficiency programs at the Public Utilities Commission, while protecting low income customers.

– **Carol Kauffman**
Executive Director, Ohio Environmental Council

OREGON



Oregon passed legislation to create standards for offshore wind development that incorporate stakeholder engagement, economic and workforce opportunities, Tribal and environmental protections, and energy resilience. Oregon also streamlined the process for siting stand-alone battery storage systems and committed to divest the state employee retirement system from the coal industry. In addition, the state budget dedicated \$15 million for essential home repairs that address environmental hazards and \$4 million to support heat pumps for low-income Oregonians.

Oregon LCV (OLCV) coordinated partners to ensure alignment on priorities and strategy, especially for the budget, during a short legislative session that only lasted 35 days. OLCV mobilized members and supporters to send 2,350 messages to decision makers and give 45 in-person and virtual testimonies. During three focused lobby days, OLCV connected 40 constituents with their legislators to discuss clean energy issues.

At the end of last year, oil and gas companies sued Oregon over their Climate Protection Program (CPP), which requires the fossil fuel industry to reduce climate emissions 90% by 2050. OLCV quickly set up a new campaign and formed a steering committee with partners in the Coalition for Climate & Economic Justice to defend the CPP. With allies, OLCV turned out overwhelming support for the CPP during the public comment period and drove nearly 400 written comments and 10 in-person testimonies. OLCV also maintained consistent communication with state decision makers regarding the CPP to educate them about the importance of the program and dispel disinformation. Their efforts were successful, and the Oregon Environmental Quality Commission voted unanimously to reinstate the CPP, which will take effect in early 2025.

Lastly, the city of Bend, Oregon unanimously passed a resolution to electrify city-owned buildings and retrofit existing structures. OLCV made this a priority for the Central Oregon Conservation Network and organized community members to submit letters to the editor and contact city councilors.



With a record breaking wildfire season, it's clear that climate damage is hitting Oregon hard and that we must do more to reduce climate pollution and protect communities. We can't afford to take a year off of climate action while we see climate impacts increasing every year. Our state took some meaningful steps on climate and clean energy in 2024, especially to capitalize on past progress and federal funding, but we won't stop here. Every year needs to be a big year for climate action.

– Lindsey Scholten
Executive Director, Oregon League of Conservation Voters

PENNSYLVANIA



Pennsylvania passed Solar for Schools and allocated \$25 million a year for the program, enabling school districts to install and reap the cost savings of solar, which benefits students. Pennsylvania also enacted community solar legislation, allowing energy customers to subscribe to shared, offsite solar projects, a priority of Conservation Voters of Pennsylvania (CVPA) and coalition partners for over 10 years. Both laws will utilize Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) funding and prioritize investments in environmental justice communities and low- to moderate-income communities.

CVPA secured the strong bipartisan support that was critical to passing the bills in the nation's only divided state legislature. With environmental justice allies, CVPA ensured that carbon capture and sequestration legislation this year contained critical equity provisions and public health and environmental protections to safeguard Pennsylvania communities. CVPA's grassroots advocacy included driving over 5,000 constituent contacts to decision makers and organizing a photo petition social media campaign that had more than 300 participants, including actor Mark Ruffalo.

Governor Josh Shapiro introduced the Pennsylvania Renewable Energy Sustainability Standard (PRESS), which would increase the percentage of the state's energy that comes from renewable sources. CVPA negotiated with the governor's office to ensure that the standard set a goal to achieve 35% renewable energy by 2035, and collaborated with the administration and lawmakers on the rollout of PRESS. The organization launched outreach efforts to educate the public about the program and its benefits for Pennsylvanians, and created informational materials. They coordinated with legislative leadership and partners to set up a series of three bill hearings to make sure lawmakers heard from constituents in support of clean energy and worked with the House Democratic Black Caucus to incorporate their input and promote the need for targeted investment and deployment into environmental justice communities within the program.



Our work with Conservation Voters of Pennsylvania has built unprecedented bridges between labor and the environment here in Pennsylvania. Collaborating together has moved the needle on increasing clean energy generation in a way that helps workers AND the environment. Passing legislation like Solar for Schools in a divided legislature and securing a budget appropriation is no small feat. We hope our work can show others how to build strong partnerships to advance clean energy.

– Rob Bair
President, Pennsylvania Building Trades Association

SOUTH CAROLINA



Conservation Voters of South Carolina (CVSC) ran its largest ever campaign to defeat a bill, H.5118, which would have fast-tracked new methane infrastructure – including a massive 2,000 MW gas-fired power plant – blocked clean energy, and gutted environmental and consumer safeguards. CVSC elevated the issue so it dominated the public narrative and exposed the consequences of the proposal. Their talking points were circulated widely and consistently repeated in the media and by legislators, and they secured coverage in dozens of news articles

Through their Palmetto Power Gamble campaign, CVSC sent 242,000 mailers and ran paid media statewide with 5.8 million touchpoints and drove over 7,600 constituent contacts to lawmakers opposing the bill. Additionally, CVSC educated and mobilized the local community where the gas plant was proposed with events including a kayak tour past the site.

CVSC held a rally with partners that signed up 72 attendees to testify at a subcommittee hearing on the bill, filling the hearing room and multiple overflow rooms and sending a clear message to legislators. The groundswell of public opposition that CVSC whipped up turned a quiet committee meeting into several days of hearings and stakeholder sessions. In the end, CVSC worked with supportive lawmakers to introduce over a dozen amendments to remove or soften provisions in the bill and complicate the process, and the legislation failed.

Beyond the State House, CVSC spearheads efforts to hold utilities accountable and protect ratepayers. This year, they drove over 70 in-person and written comments to state regulators to successfully reduce rate hikes and secure utility commitments to dedicate shareholder funds for energy efficiency, weatherization, and bill affordability for low-income customers.

Lastly, CVSC engaged in electric cooperative elections for the first time, boosting voter turnout and electing a pro-clean energy board member to the Fairfield Electric Co-op.



Without the leadership of Conservation Voters of South Carolina in opposing H.5118, South Carolina would likely be facing gigawatts of polluting natural gas plants and a web of new gas pipelines across the state. Conservation Voters of South Carolina have been an invaluable resource on energy issues and they equip legislators like me to fight back against bills like H.5118 that would lock SC into a high-emissions future.

– **Representative Heather Bauer**
South Carolina House of Representatives

UTAH



Utah's first-in-the-nation Community Renewable Energy Program (CREP) allows municipalities to collaborate with Rocky Mountain Power to offset all energy consumption community-wide with renewable generation by 2030. Because of the CREP, communities committed to 100% clean energy account for more than one-fifth of Utah's electricity usage. Stewardship UT has run a campaign to support the CREP for four years, including building up pro-clean energy mayors and city councilors in 16 localities and forming a coalition to advance clean energy in Utah. This year, Stewardship Utah helped enact legislation allowing new localities to join the CREP and went to the board of CREP member cities with three prospective localities to work together on a pathway for onboarding them. Stewardship UT also mobilized 20 Utahns to speak at city council meetings and 100 Utahns to contact their local elected officials in support of clean energy. Due to their advocacy, one new city joined the CREP in 2024.

Stewardship UT hosted a Rural Day at the Capitol with 30 participants – including seven representatives from the Navajo Nation – and hosted the first “Coal Country at the Crossroads” two-day listening session with 86 attendees and leaders from all levels of government to discuss an equitable energy transition in rural areas of Utah. Additionally, Stewardship UT worked with partners to develop Prosperity 2030, a roadmap to reduce climate pollution 50% by 2030 in Utah's most populated region. From the roadmap, Stewardship UT drafted multiple bills to introduce next legislative session and secured bipartisan sponsors.

Lastly, in collaboration with the Navajo Utah Commission, Stewardship UT applied for nearly \$20 million in Inflation Reduction Act funding to hire and train 15 local technicians to weatherize and provide clean energy retrofits to 200-300 Navajo households. Their two full-time organizers conducted outreach on Navajo Nation and gathered 315 surveys to get community input and gauge interest in the program.



On average, northern Utahns lose 2-5 years of our lives simply by breathing the air, and direct and indirect pollution impacts cost our economy \$2 billion annually. This is why Prosperity 2030, Stewardship Utah's roadmap to reduce air pollution along the Wasatch Front 50% by 2030, is so critical. Through this initiative, we identified major sources of air pollution and drafted achievable policies to address them. By motivating legislators to adopt impactful air quality solutions, we know we'll dramatically reduce climate emissions as well.

– **Piper Christian**
Air & Climate Policy Associate, Stewardship Utah

VIRGINIA



VIRGINIA LEAGUE OF
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Virginia passed laws to expand solar access, incentivize adoption of geothermal heating and cooling systems, cut energy bills by holding utilities to strong energy efficiency targets, and modernize the electrical grid. The state launched a new community solar program for Appalachian Power customers and nearly doubled the size of the existing program for customers of the state's primary electric utility, Dominion Energy. This allows Virginians who cannot otherwise deploy renewable energy at home to access clean energy from small, shared solar projects. Virginia also made geothermal energy eligible for Renewable Energy Credits (RECs), which can make the price of these systems more competitive, and set mandates for how many geothermal RECs must be generated in-state. Other legislation this year required utilities to assess where grid-enhancing technologies can improve existing transmission capacity and resilience, and increased energy efficiency standards with a process to update them every three years and new tools for regulators to determine how much energy savings are possible for utilities.

For more than a month, Virginia LCV (VALCV) ensured their priorities were amplified in earned media coverage and opinion pieces, and ran digital ads in tandem with biweekly grassroots phone banks, which drove 1,500 constituent messages and over 200 calls to five key members of the House and five senators in leadership and important committee roles. VALCV was a lead partner in a two-day Water and Conservation Lobby Day, which brought 250 environmental activists to the state capitol, and VALCV's four-person lobby corps met with lawmakers 220 times over 32 days of active lobbying. Through strategic outreach, VALCV also mobilized community leaders to take 80 actions, including sending messages to and meeting with decision makers. VALCV leads continuous public education and legislator accountability efforts, and this year, held three regional climate solution town halls that connected nearly 100 Virginians with champion lawmakers.



After two years of playing defense, this year, Virginia got back on track making clean energy progress. We didn't get everything we wanted, but our 2024 legislative wins are an important step in the right direction and will help cut energy costs for Virginians, make renewable energy more accessible, and set Virginia up for more successes going forward. We will continue to fight Governor Youngkin's 'Corporate Polluters First' energy agenda next year while working to advance climate action and a clean energy future.

– **Lee Francis**

Deputy Director, Virginia League of Conservation Voters

WASHINGTON



**WASHINGTON
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ACTION**

Protecting People & Nature as One

Washington Conservation Action (WCA) and allies helped steer \$1.2 billion in transformative climate investments from the 2021 Climate Commitment Act (CCA) – the country's strongest cap-and-invest law – and ensured that 40% of those investments are dedicated to frontline communities and at least 10% to Tribal Nations. WCA also helped lead a campaign that brought together nearly 600 organizations to successfully defend the CCA from a ballot initiative attempting to repeal it. More than 2,000 volunteers knocked on 180,000 doors and made over 176,000 calls to Washingtonians statewide urging them to vote no.

WCA convenes the Environmental Priorities Coalition (EPC), runs strategic media campaigns, and leads field organizing efforts. Their advocacy brings community voices to the table, and, in 2024, WCA drove 6,000 constituent calls and 1,200 constituent messages to decision makers, and they brought 560 people to events.

Washington established funding for a program to help residents better understand and access energy efficiency, weatherization, and decarbonization assistance opportunities. WCA and partners engaged bill sponsors weekly to add amendments directing benefits toward overburdened communities, and during hearings, organized testimony and mobilized 264 community members to sign on in support of the bill. The state also passed legislation to transition to 100% electric school buses using funding from the CCA, and they passed a law that requires building materials manufacturers to disclose the climate and labor impacts of their products, an EPC priority for five years.

Additionally, Washington instructed the state's largest gas utility and largest climate polluter, Puget Sound Energy, to create a plan to decarbonize and increase electrification options for customers. WCA also coordinated with the Puyallup Tribe to block a liquefied gas facility proposed by the utility. WCA works closely with Tribal Nations partners to uplift their leadership, demand tribal consultation for new energy projects, and ensure the benefits of state climate policies reach these communities.



Washington made transformative investments in climate progress across the state while centering overburdened communities and Tribal Nations. An unprecedented coalition of over 500 organizations came together to defend Washington's climate progress and fight for a livable future for our communities. We will continue growing the diverse, people-powered movements to protect our collective progress and defeat efforts to take us backwards.

– Caitlin Krenn

Climate and Clean Energy Director, Washington Conservation Action

WISCONSIN



Wisconsin Conservation Voters (WCV) secured a unanimous commitment to 100% clean energy and carbon neutrality by 2050 from the city of Stevens Point as part of their ongoing campaign to pass local 100% clean energy goals. WCV collected over 350 petition signatures, held more than 20 meetings with elected officials, city staff, and community leaders, and mobilized supporters to testify at public meetings. This advocacy ensured that the Stevens Point Common Council passed a strong resolution despite an attempt by the mayor to weaken the proposal. WCV has won 100% clean energy commitments from more than 20 cities, counties, and school boards over six years. This year, WCV staff were also appointed to the Green Bay School District's sustainability committee and the Wauwatosa City Sustainability Committee to implement their existing 100% clean energy goals.

WCV led efforts that successfully defeated two ballot measures that would have amended the Wisconsin constitution to put the state legislature in charge of all federal funding. The organization coordinated 10 allies to form a ballot referendum committee and launched a nearly \$2 million "Wisconsin Votes No" campaign. This initiative included knocking 114,000 doors, sending mail to over 700,000 households, distributing 2,000 yard signs, running extensive digital ads, and creating informational materials. WCV also partnered with Governor Tony Evers on a statewide media tour highlighting the consequences of passing the measures and held an educational briefing with the Wisconsin secretary of state with 57 attendees.

Wisconsin was the first state to roll out the Inflation Reduction Act's Whole Home Rebate program, which was largely shaped by WCV's input. WCV was invited to facilitate a conversation at the public launch with Governor Evers, the Wisconsin Public Service Commission chair, U.S. Energy Secretary Jennifer Granholm, and Senior Presidential Advisor for International Climate Policy John Podesta, who discussed the program's benefits for Wisconsin ratepayers.



Without the leadership and organizing of Wisconsin Conservation Voters, the effort to defeat the dangerous constitutional amendments in August may not have been possible. For only the second time in nearly 30 years, a vote no campaign was successful in Wisconsin, and WCV and the work done through their Wisconsin Votes No committee was absolutely crucial in educating and mobilizing voters across the state.

– **Justin Miller**
Wisconsin State Director, America Votes