

BIDEN-HARRIS ADMINISTRATION 1 YEAR PROGRESS REPORT

During the Biden-Harris administration's first year in office, they reoriented the executive branch to prioritize the interwoven crises of the pandemic, economic inequity, racial injustice, and climate change. This administration made considerable progress, but it is clear that far more is needed given the scale of the crises we face.

Traditionally, the League of Conservation Voters (LCV) has provided a grade for each administration's first year in office. However, we are giving the Biden-Harris administration an extension until Build Back Better is enacted into law because this climate, jobs, and justice legislation is the centerpiece of their agenda. We believe the success of this administration's first year in office cannot be fully evaluated and assigned a grade until Build Back Better passes the Senate and is signed into law by President Biden.

Below is an evaluation of the progress the administration has made on the top priorities that LCV laid out ahead of day one of this administration.

CLIMATE & CLEAN ENERGY

- ✓ **Select a historic and diverse set of climate, clean energy, and environmental justice leaders** for key cabinet-level and senior positions across the executive branch
- **Freeze and undo Trump's rollbacks of environmental protections**
- ✓ **Launch an ambitious all-of government, science-based climate action plan** that centers environmental justice and workers
- **Set ambitious climate goals, including:**
 - ✓ **100% clean electricity by 2035**
 - **100% sales of zero-emission new vehicles by 2035**
 - ✗ **100% sales of zero-emission trucks by 2040**
 - **All school buses being zero-emission by 2040**
 - ✗ **Carbon neutral new buildings by 2030**
 - ✓ **Commitment to 100% zero emission vehicle purchases for the federal fleet**
- **Mandate pollution reduction in environmental justice communities**
- ✓ **Boost research and development funding** for clean energy innovation and re-orient federal programs to tackle climate challenges
- **Support and accelerate local climate action** in partnership with states, local governments and Tribal governments
- ✓ **Restore international leadership** and increase ambition of climate commitments through rejoining the Paris Climate agreement, launching the Global Methane Pledge and committing the U.S. to cuts its climate pollution at least in half by 2030
- ✓ **Finalize strong clean car standards through model year 2026**
- **Honor California's authority to set more stringent clean vehicle standards**
- **Grow high quality union jobs** in domestic clean energy infrastructure and manufacturing and position the federal government to be a leader in the clean economy through procurement, public purchasing, and Buy Clean standards
- ✓ **Stop the Keystone XL pipeline**
- ✗ **Stop the Dakota Access pipeline**
- **Reestablish a climate test for fossil fuel infrastructure**
- **Prioritize climate financial reform** across all federal financial regulators to manage climate risk, avert economic crisis, and protect communities

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE & HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

- **Center environmental justice** by establishing the Justice40 Initiative and issuing guidance to ensure the federal government delivers 40 percent of the overall benefits from investments in climate and clean energy to disadvantaged communities
- **Tighten Environmental Protection Agency and Department of Justice enforcement of polluters** harming frontline communities
- **Modernize the regulatory review process** to ensure "regulatory initiatives appropriately benefit and do not inappropriately burden disadvantaged, vulnerable, or marginalized communities"
- **Undo Trump's rollbacks of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)** (but provisions to undermine NEPA were included in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law)
- **Repeal the Dirty Water Rule** and other rollbacks to the Clean Water Act
- **Regulate cancer-causing PFAS chemicals**
- **Review and revise the Lead and Copper Rule** to protect children from toxic lead in drinking water and released a comprehensive plan to address lead pollution
- ✓ **Secure largest ever investment in drinking water and wastewater infrastructure**
- **Ensure everyone has access to the critical public services utilities provide** by instating shut-off moratoria, service reconnections, and funding for low-income households during the COVID-19 pandemic
- ✓ **Halt construction of the xenophobic, racist, and environmentally destructive border wall**
- ✓ **Reinstate DACA protections for Dreamers**

PUBLIC LANDS & WATERS

- ✓ **Commit to protect 30% of our lands and waters by 2030** and begin to engage communities to develop a plan to accelerate progress toward reaching the goal
- **Halt drilling, mining, and logging** that threatens vulnerable public lands like the Arctic Refuge
- **Issue a moratorium on new fossil fuel leasing** on federal lands and waters and develop a comprehensive plan to make our public lands and waters part of the climate solution
- **Develop a comprehensive set of plans to better ensure all communities have access** to America's majestic public lands
- ✓ **Restore protections** to Bears Ears, Grand Staircase-Escalante, and Northeast Canyons and Seamounts National Monuments

DEMOCRACY & JUDICIARY

- ✓ **Appoint a diverse slate of judicial nominees** who respect science and will seek the fair application of justice (including more judges than any other first-year president since Reagan with a historic number of women and people of color appointed to the federal bench)
- ✓ **Appoint civil rights and environmental leaders to key positions at the Department of Justice** overseeing civil rights, voting rights, and environmental enforcement
- ✓ **Increase voting rights enforcement capacity** at the Department of Justice (doubled the number of voting rights enforcement lawyers)
- **Promote access to voting** by issuing an executive order promoting voter registration and participation through federal agencies, including healthcare.gov and Veterans Affairs facilities