



## **An Environmental and Energy Policy for America's Future**

Protecting our environment and public health was not always a partisan issue, and it shouldn't be today. This begins with fighting to maintain environmental protections already in place, and addressing growing problems related to climate change and energy. America's economy and environment both demand a forward-looking comprehensive energy policy that prioritizes a rapid transition to clean energy while protecting American jobs and promoting economic growth. I will fight for an energy policy that will build a clean energy economy that allows the U.S. to once again be the world leader in energy development, innovation, and environmental protection while moving the American economy away from fossil fuels over the next few decades to address climate change. We also must elect a new generation of leaders that will fight for people and our planet over partisan politics.

The following priorities are based on the deeply held values of me and my family, and are shared by everyone who enjoys Colorado's beautiful outdoors. My children are 5th generation Coloradans and my family has seen the state change over the decades. We do not have to choose between a healthy environment and a healthy economy.

### **Climate Change**

Climate change is a severe threat to the planet, people, and our nation. Congress must act to reduce carbon pollution and other emissions to protect against further impacts of climate change, but it must also work to help communities adapt to an already changing climate. It is essential that Congress act to address climate change because, as we have seen, presidential action alone may be undone quickly under a new administration.

In Congress, I will fight to:

- Re-commit to the Paris Climate Accord.
- Implement the Clean Power Plan so that the U.S. can initiate a sensible approach to carbon emissions reductions and transition to a more sustainable and competitive economy.
- Work towards a comprehensive climate policy that will reduce carbon emissions, help cities and states adapt to a changing climate, and transition our economy to lead in the future energy economy.
- Invest in clean energy technology and innovation to reduce carbon pollution and ensure that American workers are not left behind in a modernizing global economy,

### **Environmental Protection**

Fighting climate change will also help protect our clean air, clean water, public lands, and the environment we all depend on. In the past few months, we have witnessed roll-backs of America's commitment to a safe environment and public health protection in a way unseen in nearly 50 years. The U.S. was once a global leader in environmental protection. We must regain our leadership role to protect our planet and ensure long-term prosperity for our nation.

In Congress, I will fight to:

- Bring evidence-based decision-making back to environment and health policies and regulations.
- Prevent selling our public lands and protected places to the highest bidder.
- Protect our public lands as our legacy to future generations.
- Support EPA's ability to protect our clean air, clean water, and prevent Americans from exposure to toxic chemicals in our environment.
- Ensure federal government funding that helps states and local governments upgrade water treatment plants and other crucial public health projects.
- Clean up abandoned mines that leak toxic pollution into rivers across the West and into our drinking water supplies.
- Hold oil and gas accountable by making sure that the safety and health of communities are valued above all else.

## Clean Energy

The American economy currently relies on natural gas, petroleum, and coal for more than 80% of our energy. The world, including other nations like China and India, is rapidly moving away from these energy sources towards a cleaner and more sustainable supply. The U.S. will lag behind in this new energy economy unless we start making the transition to cleaner energy now. Here in Colorado, where we now have over 65,000 jobs in the clean energy sector, we know how new energy development can help our economy and grow the jobs of the future.

In Congress, I will fight to:

- Transition to 50% clean energy by 2030 and 100% by 2050
- Promote investments in infrastructure and smart grid technology
- Lower carbon and mercury emissions produced by utilities
- Protect rebates, low-interest loans, and tax incentives for industry transitioning to clean energy
- Strengthen fuel economy standards for automobiles
- Support innovative policies to incentivize the growth of electric vehicles (EV) and charging stations, including state grants for EV charging stations
- Provide tax credits for taxpayers who install solar power or other conservation projects in their homes
- Invest in research and development for new energy sources and clean energy technologies
- Increase use of clean energy for government properties such as the Department of Defense to ensure reliable, independent, and secure sources of power
- Require consistent safety regulations for oil and gas operators
- Require a disclosure of chemicals used in hydraulic fracturing operations to protect public health and safety
- Close the loophole in the Safe Drinking Water Act that allows hydraulic fracturing to ignore Clean Water Act rules
- Close loopholes in the Clean Air Act that exempt producers from emissions standards