

MA3Grassroots Rooting Booklet



Climate Policy

Midterm Congressional Election
November 2018

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Environmental degradation and global warming threaten human, plant, and animal communities. Science conclusively demonstrates that global warming results from human activity. Greed and corporate power dominate US policy imposing a nearsighted focus on short term profits instead of serving the welfare of future generations. Climate change has caused the extinction of several species, displaced millions of humans and animals, and is a significant component of armed conflict across the globe as humans fight each other for land, air, and water resources.

Bill summaries and booklet submission instructions included as an appendix

Question 1:

How would you vote on **H.R. 3671 Off Fossil Fuels for a Better Future Act (OFF Act)** which provides a plan to transition from fossil fuels to renewable energy sources.
Sponsor: Rep. Tulsi Gabbard

Candidate _____

Yes _____ No _____ Other _____

Candidate _____

Yes _____ No _____ Other _____

Candidate _____

Yes _____ No _____ Other _____

Question 2:

How would you vote on **H.R. 3314 100 by '50 Act** which calls for the United States to aggressively reduce carbon pollution as rapidly as practicable and achieve 100% clean and renewable energy by 2050.

Sponsor: Rep. Jared Polis

Candidate _____

Yes _____ No _____ Other _____

Candidate _____

Yes _____ No _____ Other _____

Candidate _____

Yes _____ No _____ Other _____

Bill Summary of H.R. 3671 from Congress.Gov as written by the Congressional Research Service

This bill transitions away from fossil fuel sources of energy to clean energy sources (e.g., energy efficiency, energy conservation, and renewable energy).

By 2027: (1) 80% of electricity sold must be generated from clean energy resources, (2) 80% of new vehicle sales from manufacturers must be sales of zero-emission vehicles, and (3) 80% of train rail lines and train engines must be electrified. By 2035: (1) 100% of electricity must be generated from clean energy resources, (2) 100% of vehicle sales from manufacturers must be zero-emission vehicles, and (3) 100% of train rail lines and train engines must be electrified.

The bill establishes a car allowance rebate system within the Department of Transportation to provide economic incentives for consumers to purchase new, clean energy vehicles.

No federal permits for new major fossil fuel projects may be issued in 2018 and thereafter.

The bill amends the Internal Revenue Code to: (1) terminate specified fossil fuel subsidies, (2) permanently extend renewable electricity production tax credits for electricity generated from wind, and (3) permanently extend a business energy investment tax credit for solar or wind energy technologies.

A Community Assistance Fund is established for specified industrial and energy efficiency programs.

The bill permanently reauthorizes the Weatherization Assistance Program, which provides energy efficiency retrofits of low-income homes.

It prohibits exports of domestically produced crude oil and natural gas, including liquefied natural gas.

The Center for Clean Energy Workforce Development is established within the Department of Labor.

Bill Summary of H.R. 3314 from Congress.Gov as written by the Congressional Research Service

This bill calls for the United States to aggressively reduce carbon pollution as rapidly as practicable and achieve 100% clean and renewable energy by 2050.

It provides financial support (e.g., grant programs and loans) for clean and renewable energy, including support for affordable zero-emission vehicle-based public transportation, solar energy, and energy efficiency retrofits in homes.

The bill provides job training, unemployment compensation, health benefits, and pension and other benefits and services to adversely affected workers employed in the fossil fuel energy sector.

The bill amends the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 to create annual caps on fossil fuel electricity beginning in 2022 and ending in 2050 when it is phased out.

The Department of Energy (DOE) must establish a grant program for energy storage and dispatchable energy technologies.

The bill provides financial incentives (e.g., tax credits and grants) for clean and renewable energy, energy efficiency improvements, and energy storage.

The bill amends the Clean Air Act to establish a zero-emission vehicle standard. In addition, it establishes: (1) a carbon fee to transition the commercial aviation, maritime transportation, and rail sectors away from fossil fuel usage; (2) grant programs for zero-emission vehicles; (3) a national highway decarbonization grant program; and (4) tax credits for electric vehicles, hybrid trucks, biofuels, and alternative fuels.

DOE must also establish a zero-emission residential and commercial heating grant program.

The bill: (1) terminates specified fossil fuel subsidies, and (2) creates a climate duty for carbon-intensive products imported from other countries.

The Department of the Treasury must issue climate bonds. The proceeds of the bonds must be deposited in the Climate Fund, which may be used to carry out the bill.

Booklet Submission:

Online copy: Please either scan your booklet as a PDF or fill out a booklet as a word document and email to MA3Grassroots@gmail.com

Physical copy: A PO Box # will be available shortly for physical mailing.