



2022 | NEW MEMBER GUIDE



OVERVIEW

The League of Conservation Voters (LCV) 2022 New Member Guide summarizes the backgrounds and environmental positions of newly elected federal candidates who were endorsed and/or financially supported by LCV Action Fund and/or state LCV partners. As in past election cycles, LCV Action Fund supported federal candidates who demonstrated a commitment to leading on climate change, promoting clean energy, fighting for environmental justice and the health of our communities, defending our democracy, and protecting our air, water, land and ecosystems. We are thrilled to have helped elect so many environmental champions to the U.S. House and Senate to help maintain the pro-environment majority in the Senate. It is worth noting that there are other pro-environment new members of Congress who are not included in this document for various reasons, and we look forward to working with them as well.

In the 2022 election cycle, LCV Action Fund endorsed the most diverse slate of candidates ever in 26 U.S. Senate races and 155 U.S. House races—38% percent of our endorsed candidates this cycle are candidates of color, 48% percent are women and 6% are LGBTQ+. LCV Action Fund is committed to ensuring that Congress continues to even better reflect the diversity of our country, and include more women, LGBTQ+ people and people of color than ever before, including more members of Congress who are “firsts” for their respective communities. For a complete list of LCV Action Fund endorsements, including those of incumbents who were re-elected, please visit: lcv.org/endorsements.

The 2022 New Member Guide includes 3 new members of the U.S. Senate and 34 new members of the U.S. House. LCV is committed to continue working with both new and returning members of Congress to protect our environment, public health, and democracy.

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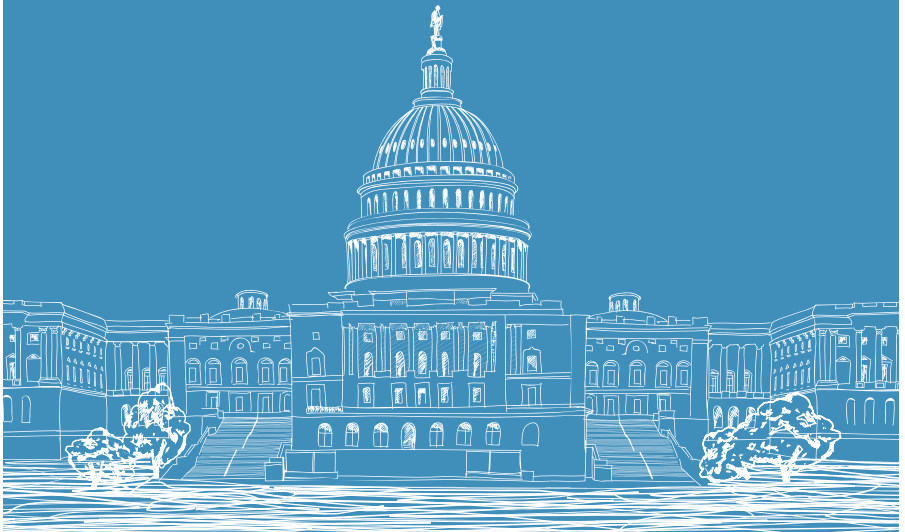
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JOHN FETTERMAN (D-PA)



John Fetterman is a former mayor and lieutenant governor in his home state of Pennsylvania, and a longtime advocate for healthy communities.

As mayor of Braddock, Fetterman led the economic revitalization of the city and worked to make green businesses and programs a central focus of that effort. He also launched a green-jobs summer training program for youth, created more outdoor spaces for the community, and helped to create green jobs by enticing an alternative energy company to town. He was elected lieutenant governor in 2018 and is committed to fighting for climate, justice, jobs, and democracy. A strong advocate for combatting climate change, Fetterman has testified in front of Congress on behalf of climate change legislation.

As a senator, Fetterman remains committed to holding polluters accountable while working to combat climate change and environmental injustice.

Fetterman joins the U.S. Senate to fill the seat of retiring Senator Pat Toomey, who earned a 7% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard*.

IN HIS OWN WORDS:

“I have never taken a dime from the fossil fuel industry, and I never will. Climate change is an existential threat. [I look forward to working to] eliminate the filibuster and deal with climate change when I am elected as Pennsylvania's next U.S. Senator.

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ALEX PADILLA (D-CA)



Alex Padilla represents California in the U.S. Senate and has been a lifelong champion for healthy communities, environmental justice, and equitable democracy.

Padilla is the proud son of Mexican immigrants and was the youngest Latino ever elected to the Los Angeles City Council, where he led the creation of the city's first Environmental Justice Zone. In 2006, he was elected to the California State Senate, where he authored and passed landmark climate legislation. In 2014, was elected to serve as the California secretary of state where he worked to defend democracy. He was sworn in to the U.S. Senate after being appointed by Governor Gavin Newsom in 2021, becoming the first Latino to represent the Golden State in the U.S. Senate.

As a senator, Padilla will continue his work to protect communities, fight for transportation equity, and enact democracy reforms. Already, he has worked to advance vehicle emission standards and lead the Clean Commute for Kids Act. He was a strong proponent for the transformative climate and justice investments in the Inflation Reduction Act and helped secure billions of dollars to address drought and wildfires in the West.

Padilla will continue serving in the U.S. Senate after being appointed to fill the seat of former Senator Kamala Harris, who was elected as vice president of the United States and earned a 90% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard*. Padilla earned a 100% score in 2021 on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard*.

“Climate change is the defining issue of our time, and I’m committed to using my platform in the Senate to tackle this looming crisis head-on. In California, we are already seeing the devastating effects of climate change, including prolonged drought, wildfires, and extreme heat. We must act quickly and decisively to preserve our planet for our children and grandchildren.”

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PETER WELCH (D-VT)



Peter Welch is a longtime leader and public servant who has fought for a clean environment, resilient communities, and a healthy democracy.

IN HIS OWN WORDS:

“The fate of our democracy and the future of our planet are on the line. Now is the time to confront climate change denial once and for all, and move aggressively toward a sustainable future that protects the natural world and its value to our lives and economy.”

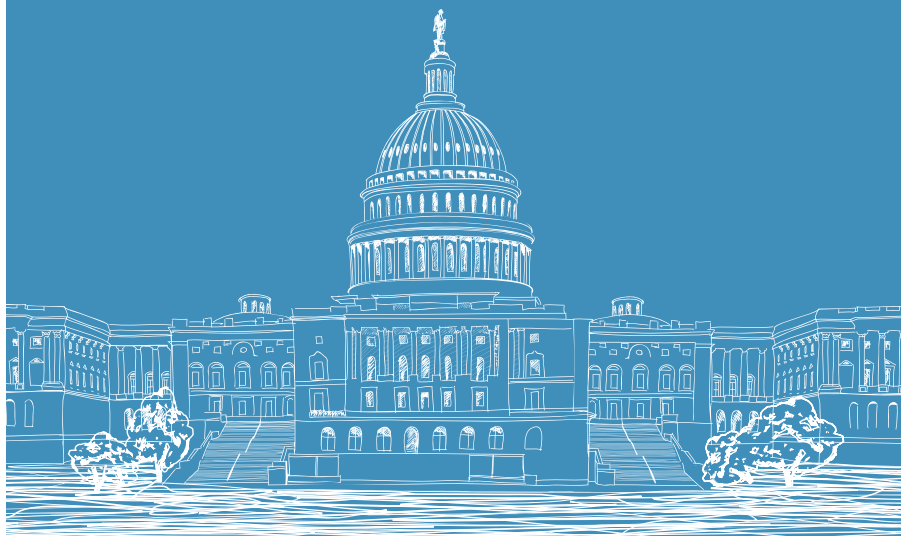
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Welch served in the Vermont Senate for 16 years in two eight-year stints, where he was chosen as the minority leader and then the first Democrat as Senate president *pro tempore* before being elected to serve in the U.S. House. In Congress, he introduced bills advancing clean energy, including bills to establish national energy efficiency and renewable energy standards, accelerate electric vehicle adoption, and make federal buildings more energy efficient and climate resilient. Nine of his bills were included in the House Select Committee on the Climate Crisis Democrats’ Climate Action Plan and he was a strong proponent of the historic climate investments in the Inflation Reduction Act, playing a leading role in provisions to help homeowners save energy and utility costs through home efficiency and weatherization rebates.

As a senator, Welch will continue to lead clean energy and climate solutions to combat the full scope of the climate crisis and build a resilient and sustainable future. As a representative, Welch earned a 95% lifetime score on LCV’s *National Environmental Scorecard*.

Welch joins the U.S. Senate to fill the seat of retiring Senator Patrick Leahy, who earned a 94% lifetime score on LCV’s *National Environmental Scorecard*.

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



BECCA BALINT (D-VT-AL)

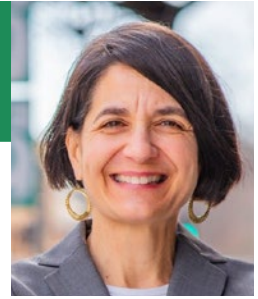


Becca Balint served as president *pro tempore* of the Vermont Senate before she ran for Congress, and is a progressive leader who has spent her entire life fighting for people on the margins.

Balint first came to Vermont in 1994, when she took a job as a rock climbing instructor. She eventually settled in Brattleboro, where she taught in four local public schools and at the Community College of Vermont. Balint has served in the Vermont Senate since 2014. During her tenure, she has received perfect scores on the Vermont Conservation Voters' Legislative Scorecard for her work helping to shepherd landmark climate and environmental justice legislation. In 2017, she became majority leader, and in 2020, was elected unanimously by her colleagues to be president *pro tempore*. She is the first woman and first openly LGBTQ+ person to serve in this role.

As a representative, Balint will be a bold champion for tackling climate change and delivering on environmental justice. Balint is the first woman and first openly LGBTQ+ person to represent Vermont in Congress.

Balint joins the U.S. House to fill the seat of Senator-elect Peter Welch, who earned a 95% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard*.



IN HER OWN WORDS:

“Helping pass Vermont's Global Warming Solutions Act is some of the most important work I've done as a Vermont Senator. The climate crisis is here now and every moment counts if we are going to preserve our environment and ensure a livable world for our children.”

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SHONTEL BROWN (D-OH-11)



Shontel Brown represents Ohio's 11th Congressional District and is a strong supporter of climate action and environmental justice.

Brown was born and raised in Cleveland, Ohio. In 2011, she was elected to the Warrensville City Council and three years later, was elected to represent the 9th District on the Cuyahoga County Council. In 2017, she was the first woman and the first Black person to be elected as chair of the Cuyahoga County Democratic Party. She has worked at the local level in partnership with Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation Fund protecting ecologically sensitive areas in the Chagrin River Valley and led resolutions to declare racism, including environmental racism, a public health crisis.

As a representative, Brown will continue to prioritize the health and well-being of communities over polluter profits and deliver on transformational climate, clean energy, job,s and justice legislation for all communities. She has introduced legislation to support community gardens at schools and helped secure billions of dollars to help Ohio reduce its carbon emissions and protect the Great Lakes.

Brown joined the U.S. House to fill the seat of Representative Marcia Fudge, who earned a 93% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard* before vacating her seat to serve as the secretary of Housing and Urban Development. Brown earned a 100% score in 2021 on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard*.

“ Americans deserve leaders in Washington who will put people and the environment before politics... We must hold corporate polluters accountable when they lead to higher illness rates, hospitalizations, and deaths.

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NIKKI BUDZINSKI (D-IL-13)



Nikki Budzinski is an expert in labor and climate politics, working at the intersection of environmental justice and union advocacy to advance clean energy in the state of Illinois.

Budzinski has dedicated her career to public service. After college, she worked for the International Association of Fire Fighters union and then became national political director of the United Food and Commercial Workers union. In 2018, she served on JB Pritzker's campaign for governor of Illinois and became his senior labor advisor. Budzinski also served as executive director for Climate Jobs Illinois, a coalition of 12 state unions pushing for clean energy infrastructure programs to combat climate change and racial inequality. During the first six months of the Biden administration, she served as chief of staff at the Office of Management and Budget, where she helped implement the American Rescue Plan and get the Made in America Office up and running.

As a representative, Budzinski will continue to advance a just and equitable clean energy transition. She will fight to defend clean air and water, protect public lands protections from oil drilling, and create more accessible, high-paying union jobs in the clean energy sector.

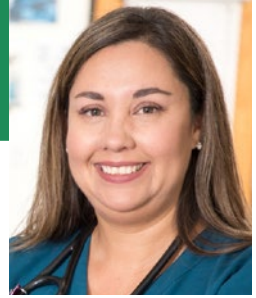
Budzinski joins the U.S. House to fill the seat of Representative Rodney Davis, who ran for reelection in the Illinois' 15th Congressional District after redistricting and earned a 10% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard*.

IN HER OWN WORDS:

“There is much work that needs to be done to ensure we are responsibly transitioning to a 21st century economy while making sure that working families are at the center of the conversation. I am eager to get to work on these important issues.”

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DR. YADIRA CARAVEO (D-CO-8)



Dr. Yadira Caraveo is a medical professional and former Colorado state representative who is committed to prioritizing environmental justice, public health, and job creation.

Dr. Caraveo is a practicing pediatrician who, during her time as a medical resident, became a union representative with SEIU to help organize for better working conditions. As a doctor, Caraveo was named a Champion of Change by President Barack Obama for her work with the Union of Concerned Scientists enlisting doctors to fight climate change. In 2018, she was elected to the Colorado House of Representatives, where she has sponsored and cosponsored a number of pieces of legislation related to climate, water, environmental justice and democracy. These measures include creating a state climate action plan to reduce emissions, defining “disproportionately impacted communities,” raising fines for environmental justice violations, regulating PFAS chemicals, funding a just transition for coal workers, expanding multilingual ballot access, and restoring voting rights for parolees.

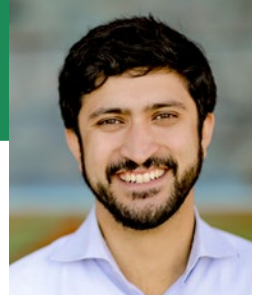
As a representative, Caraveo will continue to advance environmental justice efforts, center communities, and promote a just transition to a clean energy economy, bringing Coloradans thousands of good-paying union jobs. Caraveo is the first Latina to represent Colorado in Congress.

Dr. Caraveo joins the U.S. House to represent Colorado’s newly formed 8th Congressional District.

“As a pediatrician, I see the effects of climate change on the health of our children and families every day. In the state legislature, I’ve worked to create clean energy jobs, hold corporations accountable to keep our air and water clean and address the disparate impacts of climate change on the working class and communities of color. I look forward to continuing that work in Congress.”

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GREG CASAR (D-TX-35)



Greg Casar is a Texas native with a proven record of championing our climate and environmental justice.

Casar was born in Houston and is the child of Mexican immigrants. In 2014, Casar became Austin's youngest city council member, and was reelected in 2016 and 2020. During his tenure as a city councilor, Casar championed a number of progressive bills, including legislation to electrify Austin's public transportation fleet as well as increase the use of renewable energy. In 2019, Casar pushed Austin Energy to increase its share of power generated from renewable sources to 56%. Casar is a strong supporter of the Green New Deal and believes that we must take bold steps to address climate change.

As a representative, Casar will fight for environmental and racial equity, a just and equitable transition to a clean energy future, and modernizing the power grid in Texas.

Casar joins the U.S. House to fill the seat of Representative Lloyd Doggett, who successfully ran for reelection in the 37th Congressional District after redistricting and earned a 97% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard*.

IN HIS OWN WORDS:

“During the Texas Winter Storm, we saw first hand how working class neighborhoods were left to fend for themselves for days or weeks while the state's top officials blamed renewable energy or flew to the beach. Texans deserve leadership who will fight and deliver on climate action.

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CHRIS DELUZIO (D-PA-17)



Chris Deluzio is a Thornburg, Pennsylvania native, Iraq War veteran, and voting rights attorney who is committed to protecting our democracy abroad and at home.

Deluzio received a Bachelor of Science degree from the United States Naval Academy. After graduating, he served as an officer in the Navy and deployed overseas multiple times, including in Iraq. Deluzio then received his law degree from the Georgetown University School of Law. He clerked for a federal judge and then worked at the Brennan Center for Justice on the voting rights and election security teams. Later in his career, he served as the policy director of the University of Pittsburgh Institute for Cyber Law, Policy, and Security.

As a representative, Deluzio will work to reduce carbon emissions, invest in clean energy sources of the future, and protect and create good-paying union jobs.

Deluzio joins the U.S. House to fill the seat vacated by Representative Conor Lamb, who ran for U.S. Senate in Pennsylvania and earned a 91% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard*.

“ We need bold and swift action to make western Pennsylvania communities resilient to the effects of climate change and to secure our children’s future on earth. We all deserve clean air and water and strong union jobs.

Chris Deluzio for Congress

VALERIE FOUSHEE (D-NC-4)



Valerie Foushee is a mother, grandmother, former state senator, and longtime environmental champion in North Carolina.

Foushee has been a champion for the environment and for environmental justice throughout her time on the Orange County Commission and in the state Senate, earning a 96% lifetime score from North Carolina LCV. In the legislature, she introduced legislation to achieve 100% clean energy by 2050, advance clean energy tax credits, and promote energy efficiency. She also introduced legislation to protect clean water, mitigate PFAS pollution, protect children from pollution from garbage trucks, and make polluters pay. She is a strong leader in the fight to protect our democracy, having introduced legislation on automatic voter registration and independent redistricting. As an Orange County commissioner, she pushed the Commission to oppose extending and expanding a landfill that had been polluting a low-income, majority-Black community in the county for four decades, helping to improve the health and safety of her constituents.

As a representative, Foushee will continue her advocacy for climate action, creating good-paying clean energy jobs, and advancing environmental justice.

Foushee joins the U.S. House to fill the seat of retiring Representative David Price, who earned a 92% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard*.

IN HER OWN WORDS:

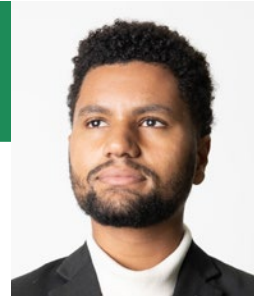
“As a mother and grandmother, I am deeply concerned about the planet that we’re leaving for future generations. Conservation and climate action is something I’ve always championed in the state legislature. In Congress, I will continue to prioritize environmental issues and be a champion that you can trust.”

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MAXWELL FROST (D-FL-10)



Maxwell Alejandro Frost is a former organizer with extensive experience working on political campaigns and engaging youth.



Frost began his career as a fellow for President Barack Obama's 2012 reelection campaign, before working as a field organizer for Hillary Clinton's campaign and then as the deputy state director for MoveOn in the 2016 election. He was the Florida organizer for Democracy Spring and deputy communications director for Floridians for a Fair Shake. He also served as the field manager for the Amendment 4 campaign for the ACLU of Florida, which restored voting rights to over 1.6 million Floridians who had previous felony convictions, before becoming an organizing specialist for the ACLU. He was a national advance manager for Senator Bernie Sanders' presidential campaign and the national organizing director for March for Our Lives, where he helped lead the organization's youth voter turnout and advocacy efforts.

As a representative, Frost will work to enact bold policies that combat the climate crisis, prioritize working class families, and center environmental justice so that all communities have access to clean water, air, and healthy food. Frost is the first Afro-Cuban person and first member of Gen Z to be elected to Congress.

Frost joins the U.S. House to fill the seat of Val Demings, who vacated her seat to run for the U.S. Senate and earned a 97% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard*.

“The greatest challenge facing our country and the world is the climate crisis. The effects of climate disasters are compounded by already existing inequalities of class and race. If there is a future, it is a green future. We cannot hesitate and we cannot let big-oil, big-business, and the 1% decide our fates for us.

Maxwell Frost for Congress

ROBERT GARCIA (D-CA-43)



Robert Garcia is the former mayor of Long Beach, California and has a history of championing environmental causes.

Garcia was born in Lima, Peru, and immigrated to the United States at age five. He graduated from California State University, Long Beach, and received a master's degree at the University of Southern California and a Doctor of Education degree from California State University, Long Beach. In 2009, he was elected to the Long Beach City Council in a special election to replace Bonnie Lowenthal. He was reelected in 2010, and in July 2012, he was unanimously elected to a two-year term as vice mayor of Long Beach by the City Council. In 2013, Garcia won the election to become the mayor of Long Beach.

As a representative, Garcia will fight for continued progress on bold and effective climate policy that is in line with the Green New Deal's vision to significantly reduce climate pollution and equitably address the impacts of pollution and climate change on the health and well-being of communities. Garcia is the first LGBTQ+ immigrant elected to Congress.

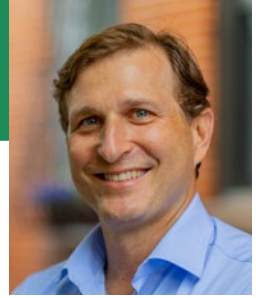
Garcia joins the U.S. House to represent California's new 42nd district formed by the merging of the districts represented by Representatives Lucille Roybal-Allard and Alan Lowenthal, who are both retiring. They earned lifetime scores of 96% and 98% lifetime scores, respectively, on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard*.

IN HIS OWN WORDS:

“*Passing swift and effective climate policy is essential to the health of our country and the world at large. I have a strong working relationship with both President Biden and Vice President Harris that I intend to use to adopt and support bold climate policy and executive actions.*”

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DAN GOLDMAN (D-NY-10)



Dan Goldman is a former assistant U.S. attorney for the Southern District of New York who has extensive experience fighting for justice in the courtroom.

Goldman graduated from Stanford Law School, where he advocated for voting and civil rights. In law school, he wrote an article on how felon disenfranchisement laws are “the modern-day literacy test” and contributed to Michelle Alexander’s book *The New Jim Crow*, which addresses inequalities in the criminal justice system. After leaving the U.S. Attorney’s office in 2017, he became a legal analyst for NBC News and MSNBC and served as a fellow at the Brennan Center for Justice. Goldman then became a senior advisor and director of investigations for the U.S. House Intelligence Committee, where he served as lead counsel during the first impeachment inquiry against Donald Trump.

As a representative, Goldman will focus on protecting and strengthening our democracy and voting rights, and will bring his extensive experience fighting for justice in the courtroom to Congress as he fights to pass strong climate legislation that will benefit all communities.

Goldman joins the U.S. House to fill the seat of Representative Jerry Nadler, who was reelected to New York’s 12th Congressional District after redistricting and has earned a 97% lifetime score on LCV’s *National Environmental Scorecard*.

“Climate change is an existential threat that requires a rapid transition and lasting commitment to a clean energy future and green economy.”

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VAL HOYLE (D-OR-4)



Val Hoyle is a former state legislator, state house majority leader, and state labor commissioner who has fought for bold climate legislation, a clean energy future, and family-sustaining union jobs.

Hoyle served as Oregon's labor commissioner, a position voters statewide elected her to in 2018. She also represented Oregon's 14th District in the state Legislature, where she served on various committees and became House majority leader in 2013. As majority leader, Hoyle helped lead the effort to make Oregon's Clean Fuels program permanent and helped pass the "Coal to Clean" bill to phase out coal power and double Oregon's Renewable Portfolio Standard for electric utilities.

As a representative, Hoyle will fight for continued progress on clean energy and environmental justice, clean air and water protections for communities, and good-paying union jobs. She earned a 100% rating during her final state legislative session and an overall lifetime score of 86% on Oregon LCV's *Environmental Scorecard for the State Legislature*.

Hoyle joins the U.S. House to fill the seat of retiring Representative Peter DeFazio, who earned a 92% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard*.

IN HER OWN WORDS:

“*In the Oregon legislature, I led the push to enact our Clean Fuels program to reduce vehicle emissions, and supported the landmark legislation to end coal-generated electricity in our state. In Congress, I will join the call for bold action on climate legislation to power us off of fossil fuels while creating good jobs and investments in our communities, without leaving any worker behind.*”

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JEFF JACKSON (D-NC-14)



Jeff Jackson is a former state senator, major in the Army National Guard, and longtime advocate for clean energy and a healthy democracy. He is a true champion for climate action.

Jackson began his career in the Army and now serves as a major in the Army National Guard. He began his law career as a prosecutor in Gaston County, North Carolina, and eventually became the assistant district attorney. In 2014, Jackson became the second-youngest senator in the North Carolina Senate, earning a 100% score in 2021 and a 93% lifetime score from North Carolina LCV. In his first year, Jackson worked with NCLCV to propose amendments to add additional coal ash sites to their high priority cleanup list. Over the last eight years, he has introduced and cosponsored a number of bills related to climate action, accelerating the transition to clean energy, promoting electric vehicles and energy efficiency, and protecting clean water, including from PFAS chemicals. He has worked to address racial disparities in housing and the criminal justice system, defend our democracy by opposing efforts at voter suppression and gerrymandering, and supported recognition for North Carolina's Lumbee tribe.

As a representative, climate, racial justice, and democracy will continue to be Jackson's top priorities, and he will fight to advance our clean energy economy, create good-paying jobs, and protect the health and safety of all communities.

Jackson joins the U.S. House to represent North Carolina's newly formed 14th Congressional District.

“As a father of young children who will live to see the long-term consequences of climate change, we must take swift action to protect our environment and promote clean energy solutions in our economy. I am eager to fight for a safe and just climate. It's time to act.”

LCVAF Press Release

JONATHAN JACKSON (D-IL-01)



Jonathan Jackson is a business professional, Chicago native, and civil and human rights activist who is committed to advancing a clean energy economy, achieving environmental and social justice, and promoting economic opportunities for families and communities.

Jackson is a business professor at Chicago State University and has worked as an advocate, investment analyst, business owner, and teacher over the course of his career. In 2007, Jackson became the national spokesperson for the Rainbow/PUSH Coalition, where he advocated for juvenile justice issues around Chicago. He has also worked on issues relating to the closures of Chicago Public Schools, wrongful convictions, public education, and charter schools, and advocated for a more just, accessible, and equitable democracy.

As a representative, Jackson will be a staunch defender of our democracy and advocate for climate justice, supporting the Green New Deal and other strong environmental provisions that will address the disproportionate impacts of climate change on historically oppressed communities.

Jackson joins the U.S. House to fill the seat of retiring Representative Bobby Rush, who earned an 82% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard*.



IN HIS OWN WORDS:

“Protecting the environment for generations to come must be more of a priority. Climate change is real and the climate crisis is affecting everyone but will have devastating effects on the health, economic opportunity and fundamental rights of children who deserve better. This requires a collaborative effort, from all involved, to fight and right this man-made crisis.”

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SYDNEY KAMLAGER (D-CA-37)



Sydney Kamlager has been a staunch advocate for environmental justice, climate action, and democracy as a California state senator, prioritizing racial justice, equity, and access.

Kamlager was motivated to work for Rebuild LA and the Los Angeles Festival after living in Los Angeles during the 1992 riots spurred by the Rodney King verdict. She later worked for the Social and Public Art Resource Center and as public affairs director for the nonprofit child care organization Crystal Stairs. In 2018, Kamlager was elected to the California Legislature, and in 2021 she won a special election to fill a seat in the California Senate. She is currently the only Black woman serving in the state Senate. She has introduced legislation to center racial justice and equity in California's climate and environmental policies and advocated for passing a Green New Deal. She also co-authored bills to reduce plastic pollution by 75%, expand urban watershed protections, encourage electric vehicles, and improve regional air quality.

As a representative, Kamlager is committed to pushing California and the nation towards a clean energy future, mitigating air pollution that disproportionately harms low-income communities, preventing and suppressing fires, and working to increase equitable access to nature and green spaces.

Kamlager joins the U.S. House to fill the seat of former Representative and mayor-elect Karen Bass, who was elected Mayor of Los Angeles and earned an 89% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard*.

“Climate change is a multifaceted issue that needs everyone attacking it from every direction. I am fighting to build on bedrock environmental laws for wildlife and coastal protections; for a comprehensive Green New Deal, to get California on track to reach 100% renewable energy in 10 years or less; and to earmark budget support for fire prevention and suppression, as well as research on forest management.

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GREG LANDSMAN (D-OH-1)



Greg Landsman is a Cincinnati native dedicated to advancing sustainability and environmental justice, creating and retaining good-paying jobs, and ensuring equitable access to education and housing.

Landsman is a former public school teacher and nonprofit leader in Cincinnati. He served as the executive director of Strive Partnership, an education advocacy organization, and founded the 767 Group to help provide education advocacy support to communities. Since 2018, he has served on the Cincinnati City Council, supporting efforts to get the city to 100% clean energy by 2035. Landsman led the passage of new balanced development reforms, incentivizing not only environmentally sustainable projects, but also those that create and retain local jobs with living wages, include local minority-owned businesses, and build or preserve affordable housing. He also put forward a set of policy proposals centered on equity, livability, and growth for the city, including proposed updates and funding for the city's environmental justice ordinance.

As a representative, Landsman will champion action on climate change and a clean energy future, working to bring quality jobs to Ohio and benefit families and communities across the state.

Landsman joins the U.S. House after defeating Representative Steve Chabot, who earned a 12% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard*.

IN HIS OWN WORDS:

“*In Congress, I will work to improve the lives of children and families across our region. That means making sure we all have the opportunity to live in a safe and healthy world with opportunities for good-paying jobs of the future.*”

LCVAF Press Release

SUMMER LEE (D-PA-12)



Summer Lee is an outspoken advocate for climate and environmental justice who has fought for clean air, clean water, and healthy communities as a Pennsylvania state representative.

After earning her law degree from Howard University School of Law with a specialization in civil rights and constitutional law, Lee returned to her hometown of Pittsburgh to organize and conduct voter outreach initiatives with the Pennsylvania Democratic Party. In 2018, she ran for office and became the first Black woman from Southwestern Pennsylvania to serve in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. As a legislator, she sponsored and cosponsored several bills related to climate, environmental justice, and democracy reform, including efforts to achieve 100% clean energy by 2050, implement energy efficiency tax credits, protect clean air and water, address PFAS pollution, support community solar, and create a Fresh Food Financing Program. Additionally, she worked alongside community leaders and groups across the Mon Valley to stop a dangerous fracking proposal.

As a representative, Lee will continue to be a champion for communities' rights to clean air, clean water, and a healthy environment, centering frontline communities and the creation of good-paying union jobs. Lee is the first Black woman to represent Pennsylvania in Congress.

Lee joins the U.S. House to fill the seat of retiring Representative Mike Doyle, who earned an 80% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard*.

“*The fight for environmental justice is what called me to run for office – because every day the people in my community are forced to breathe some of the most toxic air in the country. Every single one of us deserves clean air and water, a healthy environment, and political leaders who will fight for these rights.*”

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SETH MAGAZINER (D-RI-2)



Seth Magaziner has long worked to grow our clean energy economy and fight for the solutions we need to combat the climate crisis.

As Rhode Island's elected general treasurer, Magaziner led on environmental issues, creating clean energy programs that allowed the Town of West Warwick to become the first energy resilient municipality in the state. With the use of solar panels and wind turbines, the Town of West Warwick has not had to pay an energy bill on municipal buildings in five years. The energy efficiency programs created by Magaziner have resulted in thousands of jobs, helped small businesses save money, and pushed Rhode Island towards climate resilience. He was a founding member of Climate Jobs Rhode Island, a coalition of labor, environmental, and elected leaders working to create good jobs to transition Rhode Island's economy to net-zero. Magaziner was also an early supporter of the Act on Climate, which passed into law this past April. Under his leadership, Rhode Island's public pension fund is on track to completely divest from fossil fuels within the next decade.

As a representative, Magaziner will continue his work to lower the cost of energy by holding Big Oil companies accountable for price gouging and investing in affordable clean energy.

Magaziner joins the U.S. House to fill the seat of retiring Representative Jim Langevin, who earned a 97% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard*.

IN HIS OWN WORDS:

“Threats to our democracy and our environment are interlinked. In Congress, I will continue the fight for clean air, clean water, and the clean energy infrastructure that will create good jobs while reducing our reliance on fossil fuels.”

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MORGAN MCGARVEY (D-KY-3)



Morgan McGarvey is the former Democratic leader of the Kentucky Senate who has advocated for creating good-paying clean energy jobs and protecting clean air and water for Kentucky communities.

McGarvey was born in Louisville, Kentucky. He received a bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Missouri and a law degree from University of Kentucky College of Law. In his early career, McGarvey worked as special assistant to the attorney general of Kentucky. He is also a practicing attorney. In 2012, McGarvey was elected to the Kentucky Senate for District 19. In 2018, McGarvey became minority floor leader for the Kentucky Senate, one of the youngest members of a General Assembly in the nation to serve in a leadership role.

As a representative, McGarvey will support federal incentives to dramatically expand renewable energy buildout, infrastructure spending, and tax incentives for consumer purchase of union-made and American-made electric vehicles.

McGarvey joins the U.S. House to fill the seat of retiring Representative John Yarmuth, who earned a 94% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard*.

“ I believe that climate change is an existential threat. I want my kids and everyone's kids to inherit a livable world in which they don't have to constantly deal with natural disasters like last December's tornadoes that devastated entire communities in Western Kentucky, or increasingly regular extreme flooding in Eastern Kentucky.

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JARED MOSKOWITZ (D-FL-23)



Jared Moskowitz is a longtime environmental champion who has taken bold action on climate as a Florida state representative.

Moskowitz worked as an intern for Vice President Al Gore and was one of President Barack Obama’s electors at the 2008 Democratic National Convention. As an elected member of the Parkland City Commission, he worked to make the city more environmentally conscious, providing subsidies to households that purchased energy efficient appliances and fuel efficient cars. Moskowitz was elected to Florida’s state legislature in 2012, where he introduced numerous pro-environmental bills ranging from coral reef protection to preventing animal cruelty to stormwater management. Moskowitz was later appointed as director of the Florida Division of Emergency Management, where he focused on recovery after Hurricane Michael and is credited with speeding up the recovery and securing much needed federal funding. Moskowitz also led the department throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and the early distribution of the vaccine.

As a representative, Moskowitz will fight for bold policies to tackle the climate crisis, accelerate an equitable transition to a clean energy future, protect the Everglades, and make Florida’s communities more resilient against climate-fueled disasters.

Moskowitz joins the U.S. House to fill the seat of retiring Representative Ted Deutch, who earned a 92% lifetime score on LCV’s *National Environmental Scorecard*.

IN HIS OWN WORDS:

“ We’re living through a climate crisis that threatens our way of life, and we must act quickly to mitigate its effects. Investing in environmental protection isn’t just a long-term plan towards clean air, clean water, and sustainability, it’s also a way to reinvigorate the economy and create jobs in our community.”

Jared Moskowitz for Congress

KEVIN MULLIN (D-CA-15)



Kevin Mullin is a business owner who has served his community for over a decade as a member of the California Assembly.

Mullin attended the University of San Francisco and received a Master of Public Administration from San Francisco State University. Mullin is the founder of KM2 Communications, a multimedia production business in South San Francisco. Mullin also served as district director to former U.S. Representative Jackie Speier and as political director for his father, Assemblymember Gene Mullin. In 2007, Mullin was elected to the South San Francisco City Council and served as mayor in 2011. In 2014, he was elected to the California State Assembly where he made voting rights and strengthening our democracy his top priorities, authoring the first-in-the-nation DISCLOSE Act to put a stop to “dark money” in politics, passing universal vote-by-mail so every voter receives a paper ballot postage paid, and co-authoring the landmark law automatically registering Californians to vote.

As a representative, Mullin will prioritize bold climate legislation to safeguard our planet for future generations and reduce emissions while providing good-paying, middle-class, union jobs.

Mullin joins the U.S. House to fill the seat of retiring Representative Jackie Speier, who earned a 92% lifetime score on LCV’s *National Environmental Scorecard*.

“*In Congress, I will build on my Golden State accomplishments and prioritize bold climate action like the proposed Green New Deal to safeguard our planet for future generations and reduce emissions while also strengthening the American workforce with good-paying, middle-class, union jobs in the clean energy sector.*”

Kevin Mullin for Congress

WILEY NICKEL (D-NC-13)



Wiley Nickel is a father, husband, defense attorney, and former state senator who has been a champion for protecting North Carolina's environment and democracy.

Early in his career, Nickel worked on the national advance staff for Vice President Al Gore, and later President Barack Obama. In 2018 and 2020, he was elected to represent the 16th District in the North Carolina Senate, where he advocated strongly for climate action and an equitable democracy while serving on the Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resource Committee and the Judiciary Committee. He led on a number of environmental bills, including “polluter pays” legislation. He also fought for banning the further pollution of PFAS into our air and water. On the Redistricting Committee, he advocated for fair maps and introduced the “We The People” Act to get dark money out of politics. Nickel also supported legislation that would establish online and automatic voter registration, establish an independent redistricting commission, and expand access to early voting.

As a representative, Nickel will continue fighting for North Carolina's working families, to hold polluters accountable, for climate action, and to fund protections for the state's coastlines and wildlife. As a state senator, he had earned a 90% lifetime score on North Carolina's LCV's Legislative Scorecard.

Nickel joins the U.S. House in North Carolina's newly redrawn 13th Congressional District.

IN HIS OWN WORDS:

“As a state Senator, I've fought for investments in clean and affordable energy, and protections for clean drinking water and clean air. In Congress, I'm committed to continuing to work hard to make sure our children have a healthy environment for generations to come.”

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MARY PELTOLA (D-AK-AL)



Mary Peltola is Yup'ik Alaska Native, a strong salmon advocate, and a former state House representative who aims to protect Alaska's environment and way of life for generations to come.



Just two years after serving as an intern for the Alaska Legislature, Peltola was elected to the Alaska House of Representatives, representing the Bethel region. Peltola then joined the Kuskokwim River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission, where, as executive director, she helped mobilize 118 Tribes and rural Alaskans to advocate for the protection of salmon runs in Western Alaska. She has served on the Orutsararmiut Native Council Tribal Court and the Bethel City Council, and on the boards of the Nature Conservancy, the Alaska Humanities Forum, the Alaska Children's Trust, and the Russian Orthodox Sacred Sites in Alaska.

As a representative, Peltola will work to create resilient food systems, protect Alaska's fisheries, and invest in the state's renewable energy resources, as a way to improve the resiliency of Alaskan communities to the already-visible impacts of climate change.

Peltola joins the U.S. House after winning the special and general elections to fill the seat of the late Representative Don Young, who earned a 10% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard*.

“ I wanted to elevate the issues of climate change and low ocean productivity, and the subsequent food security issues. My vision for Alaska is to find bipartisan solutions to move towards inclusivity and abundance. These are the keys to maintaining clear water and air, healthy salmon habitat, addressing climate change, and a strong democracy.

The Alaska Center Press Release

MARIE GLUESENKAMP PÉREZ (D-WA-3)



Marie Gluesenkamp Pérez is a community leader and small business owner who will prioritize the health and well-being of communities and fight for bold climate action that advances clean energy, jobs, and justice over polluter profits.

Pérez owns an independent auto-repair shop that she opened in 2018 with her husband using a loan from the Small Business Association. Pérez's mother is a sixth generation Washingtonian and her father immigrated to the United States from Mexico. Pérez is an elected member of the Democratic National Committee, is on the executive committee of the Washington State Democratic Party, and has served on the Underwood Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors since 2018.

As a representative, Pérez will work to achieve clean energy independence, expand the availability of electric vehicles, and increase the use of renewable packaging. She is also focused on addressing microplastic pollution and studying the impacts they have on Washingtonians. Pérez is the first Latina Democrat to represent Washington State in Congress.

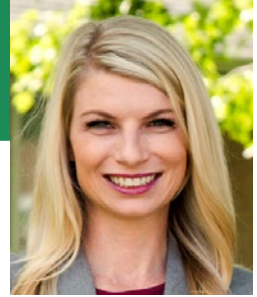
Pérez joins the U.S. House to fill the seat vacated by Representative Jaime Herrera Beutler, who was defeated in the primary and earned a 13% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard*.

IN HER OWN WORDS:

“As a resident of a rural community that depends on sustainable forestry, I'm committed to advancing clean energy—including adding electric charging infrastructure in rural communities like mine—and promoting renewable packaging like cardboard so we reduce our reliance on fossil fuels and cut back on the environmental harm caused by overuse of plastics.”

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BRITTANY PETTERSEN (D-CO-7)



Brittany Pettersen is a lifelong Coloradan who served in the Colorado legislature for the past 10 years, where she was a proven advocate for climate action and a strong, robust democracy.

Prior to serving as an elected official, Pettersen was a field director for New Era Colorado, where she worked to increase youth voter registration and civic engagement. She was elected to the Colorado House in 2012, and then to the Colorado Senate in 2018. Pettersen has sponsored legislation to create a comprehensive plan for the state for climate change impacts and resilience, promote electric vehicles and electric scooters, and promote energy efficiency for buildings to reduce emissions. In addition, she has introduced bills to protect election officials and to increase transparency in ballot initiatives for voters.

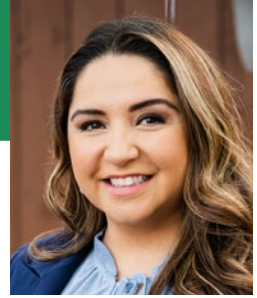
As a representative, Pettersen will continue to lead on and support climate action, clean energy, and environmental and democracy protections to promote a resilient Colorado for all residents.

Pettersen joins the U.S. House to fill the seat of retiring Representative Ed Perlmutter who earned an 88% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard*.

“Climate change is the greatest threat we face and as a new mom, it’s what keeps me up at night. We must enact bold legislation to mitigate the current impacts of climate change and protect against the worst consequences. I look forward to working to protect our environment, public lands, water, and our future, for my son Davis, and all Coloradans.

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DELIA RAMIREZ (D-IL-3)



Delia Ramirez has been a champion for climate action, environmental justice, and democracy during her time as an Illinois state representative.

Ramirez was born and raised in Chicago, and has been active in advocacy and community organizing throughout her career, graduating with a bachelor's degree in justice studies from Northeastern Illinois University. She was the executive director of Center for Changing Lives, a nonprofit combating homelessness, for nine years before serving for three years as the president of the Latin United Community Housing Association. She was elected to the Illinois state Legislature in 2018, earning a 100% every year on the Illinois Environmental Council's Scorecard. She has refused to take campaign contributions from the fossil fuel industry and was an early cosponsor of the landmark Clean Energy Jobs Act, which will transition Illinois to 100% clean energy by 2045. Ramirez also fought for critical investments in walking and bicycle paths, reducing single-use plastics, and expanding vote-by-mail and public campaign financing.

As a representative, she will push to transition to a clean energy economy, increase funding for public transit, and expand affordable and efficient housing and buildings. Ramirez is the first Latina to represent Illinois, or any Midwestern state, in Congress.

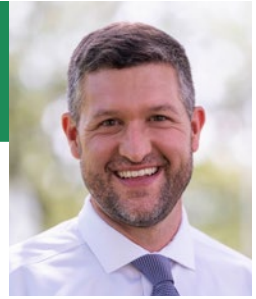
Ramirez joins the U.S. House after winning in the new 3rd Congressional District.

IN HER OWN WORDS:

“It is imperative that Congress takes immediate actions to stop polluters and transition to clean energy. We must create new jobs in a Green economy and reverse course on our climate crisis. I will make sure to stand up to corporations and polluters who put profit ahead of people. We deserve clean air and water and the time to act is now!”

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PAT RYAN (D-NY-18)



Pat Ryan is a strong advocate for bold climate action, and fought for efforts that are critical to our transition to a clean energy future as Ulster County executive.

Ryan was born and raised in Kingston, New York, in the 18th District, where he graduated from the public school system and went on to graduate from the U.S. Military Academy in West Point. After serving two tours in Iraq and returning home to found a small technology company that built partnerships with government and nonprofit organizations, he was elected county executive in Ulster County in a special election in 2019. He campaigned on a Green New Deal for Ulster County, and after coming into office, helped make the county a leader on climate action, committing to 100% renewable energy by 2030, buying the first electric buses in the county, and starting the Ulster County Green Careers Academy at SUNY Ulster.

As a representative, Ryan will continue to advocate for bold climate action and stand up to corporate polluters so that all communities in New York can have a healthy environment.

Ryan was elected to the U.S. House in a special election on August 23 for the former 19th Congressional District seat, and was reelected to represent the newly drawn 18th Congressional District due to redistricting.

“Climate change is the greatest threat to our future and we must center it in our discourse. As County Executive, I saw firsthand what can happen when communities work together to address the climate crisis, from launching a green-careers academy, to electrifying our public bus network and expanding solar power. Ulster County has been a leader. I’m excited to build on that work in Washington.”

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ANDREA SALINAS (D-OR-6)



Andrea Salinas has been a champion for a healthy environment, working families, and racial justice and equity throughout her career working for communities in Oregon.

Salinas began her career in public service in numerous roles on the staff of various members of Congress. She became the legislative director for the Oregon Environmental Council and served on the board of Oregon League of Conservation Voters. In 2017, she was unanimously chosen to fill the vacant District 38 seat in the Oregon House of Representatives and soon rose to House leadership. She led and cosponsored many bills on the environment, racial justice and equity, and voting rights and campaign finance reform, including efforts to protect children from toxic chemicals, establish environmental justice principles for the state, stop new fossil fuel development, incentivize solar power and electric vehicles, ban pesticides, and lower utility costs in environmental justice communities.

As a representative, Salinas will push for continued action on environmental and climate justice issues, fighting for clean energy, jobs, justice, and democracy reform, and centering the health and well-being of all communities. Salinas is the first Latina to represent Oregon in Congress.

Salinas joins the U.S. House to represent Oregon's newly formed 6th Congressional District.

IN HER OWN WORDS:

“*In Congress, I will fight for the urgent action we need to protect our planet and natural resources. I want to ensure that marginalized communities are provided with opportunities to prosper in a new, clean energy economy and not further harmed or marginalized by the impacts of climate change. My approach to fighting climate change is simple: we must take bold steps, while making sure we create living wage jobs and not leave anyone behind in the process.*”

Andrea Salinas for Congress

HILLARY SCHOLTEN (D-MI-3)



Hillary Scholten is an attorney with deep ties in western Michigan who has worked to defend immigrants, those who have faced housing discrimination, and victims of sexual harassment.

Before earning her law degree, Scholten worked as a case worker for the AIDS Action Committee, which represents LGBTQ+ people with housing discrimination cases, and at the Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington. After law school, she clerked for the immigration unit of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit and then the U.S. Department of Justice during the Obama administration. In 2017, she and her family moved back to Grand Rapids where she worked at the Michigan Immigrant Rights Center as an attorney and provided volunteer legal advice for the Times Up Legal Defense Fund.

As a representative, Scholten is committed to protecting the health of communities in Michigan, working to address the state's water crises from lead and PFAS pollution, and growing its clean energy economy.

Scholten joins the U.S. House to fill the seat of Representative Peter Meijer, who was defeated in the Republican primary and earned a 43% score in 2021 on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard*.

“As a mom, a Michigander, and a year-round angler, I am dedicated to protecting our water—whether it be the water from our faucets or safeguarding the Great Lakes, and our precious rivers and streams. In Congress, I will fight to ensure our drinking water is free from PFAS and other harmful chemicals, work to bring green energy jobs to West Michigan, and help reduce our reliance on foreign oil by promoting electric vehicle production.

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ERIC SORENSEN (D-IL-17)



Eric Sorensen is a meteorologist who understands, and works to convey, the devastating impact the climate crisis will continue to have on all communities.

Sorensen has decades of climate communication experience working as a meteorologist in Rockford and the Quad Cities. He started Project Tornado, an initiative to bring meteorologists into schools to help kids feel safer during severe weather. He serves on the boards of local organizations that connect vulnerable LGBTQ+ individuals to health services.

As a representative, Sorensen will lead our country's transition to clean energy. He will increase investments in wind, solar, and geothermal infrastructure while creating good-paying, union jobs. Sorensen is the first openly LGBTQ+ person elected to represent Illinois in Congress.

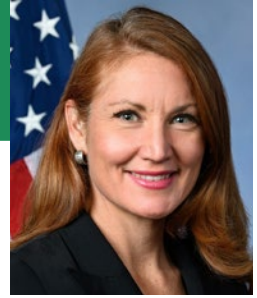
Sorensen joins the U.S. House to fill the seat of retiring Representative Cheri Bustos who earned a 91% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard*.

IN HIS OWN WORDS:

“*To me, being a meteorologist has always been about protecting our communities and keeping people safe. It's clear that climate change will only continue to impact our communities. We need a climate communicator who will advocate for meaningful action with a foundation of science, and the people of Central and Northwest Illinois need a representative who's going to fight to bring home the good-paying jobs of the green economy.*”

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MELANIE STANSBURY (D-NM-1)



Melanie Stansbury represents New Mexico's 1st Congressional District where she is working hard to protect New Mexico's precious natural resources and communities.

Stansbury grew up in a working class family in Albuquerque, New Mexico and began her career as a science educator and researcher with the Museum of Natural History, advising on New Mexico's land and water needs. She continued this work at the Office of Management and Budget and the U.S. Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. In 2018, Stansbury was the first woman and first Democrat elected to serve as state representative in House District 28, where she passed legislation to foster resilience in food and water systems and modernize New Mexico's electrical grid and advance a more data-driven water management approach.

As a representative, Stansbury will continue her work to advance equitable climate policy and good-paying union jobs while improving water security in New Mexico and Western states and ensuring tribal voices are included in efforts to fight the climate crisis.

Stansbury will continue serving in the U.S. House after winning the special election in 2021 to fill the seat of former Representative Deb Haaland, who was confirmed as secretary of the Interior and earned a 98% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard*. Stansbury earned a 100% score in 2021 on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard*.

“My priorities in Congress are to tackle global climate change, systemic inequalities, and to address the issues that most impact our communities and their ability to thrive.”

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EMILIA SYKES (D-OH-13)



Emilia Sykes has been a staunch defender of Ohioans' right to clean drinking water, clean air, a healthy environment, and a strong democracy during her time as a Ohio state representative.

In 2014, Sykes was elected to the Ohio House House of Representatives, where she led efforts to repeal House Bill 6, a corrupt bill gutting clean energy and energy efficiency programs. She instead advocated for a proposed alternative Clean Energy Jobs plan that would establish a 50% renewable energy portfolio standard by 2050, encourage wind and solar development, expand weatherization programs for low-income communities, and create training programs for clean energy jobs. She fought to protect democracy by introducing legislation requiring boards of elections to provide secure ballot drop boxes. She also worked to strengthen Ohio's campaign finance laws, and organized a "Freedom To Vote Tour" with legislators across the state to advocate against anti-voter bills that undermined Ohio's election integrity.

As a representative, Sykes is dedicated to fighting for environmental justice, equality, and sustainability to fight the climate crisis and bring quality jobs to Ohio.

Sykes joins the U.S. House to fill the seat of Representative Tim Ryan, who ran for the U.S. Senate and earned a 91% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard*.

IN HER OWN WORDS:

“Having studied public health, I know how clear the connection is between environmental factors, such as access to clean air and water, and the health of our communities. In Congress, I'll fight for solutions to secure a sustainable, healthy future for every neighborhood while ensuring we bring and keep good jobs to Northeast Ohio.

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SHRI THANEDAR (D-MI-13)



Shri Thanedar is an immigrant, former Michigan state representative, and accomplished chemist and business owner who will fight for the health and well-being of communities in Michigan.

After growing up in poverty in India, Thanedar moved to the United States at 24 years old to pursue higher education opportunities and support his family. He proceeded to earn a Master of Business Administration as well as a doctorate in chemistry, and continued on to build and lead research and pharmaceutical companies. In 2020, he was elected to represent the 3rd District in the Michigan House of Representatives, where he has supported strong legislation to protect Michigan's waterways, including the Great Lakes. This included proposals to shut down the Enbridge Energy Line 5 oil pipeline and protect native wildlife from invasive species. Thanedar supports the Green New Deal and investing in clean energy for Michigan's future.

As a representative, Thanedar will champion reducing pollution in communities of color and funding research to study the impacts pollution has had on these communities. Thanedar is the first Indian-American to represent Michigan in Congress.

Thanedar joins the U.S. House to fill the seat of Representative Rashida Tlaib, who was successfully reelected in the 12th district after redistricting and earned a 96% lifetime score on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard*.

“As a scientist, I've seen first hand the effects corporate polluters have on our communities and neighborhoods. It's time to fight for clean water, air, and invest in clean renewable energy that boosts the economy, creates good, high paying jobs, and keeps Michiganders safe.”

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JILL TOKUDA (D-HI-2)



Jill Tokuda is a Honolulu native, small business owner, and former Hawai'i state senator who is committed to fighting for climate action and environmental justice.

Tokuda served in the Hawai'i Senate for 12 years, from 2006 to 2018, representing Kāne'ohe and Kailua on the Island of O'ahu. In the legislature, she voted for 100% renewable energy by 2045, to increase taxes on petroleum to fund efforts for transitioning to clean energy and addressing climate change, and to acquire land around Turtle Bay for conservation. She also chaired the Ways and Means Committee and the Labor, Education, Higher Education, and Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs committees, and served as majority whip. She is the former co-director of CyberHawaii, an affiliate of CyberUSA, external affairs director for the Nisei Veterans Memorial Center, board member of the Hawai'i Data Collaborative, and advisory board member of the Hawai'i Budget and Policy Center.

As a representative, Tokuda will work to make Hawai'i a leader in clean energy, investing in resilience and natural climate solutions, and supporting President Biden's Justice40 initiatives.

Tokuda joins the U.S. House to fill the seat of Representative Kai Kahele, who vacated his seat to run for governor of Hawai'i and earned a 100% score in 2021 on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard*.

IN HER OWN WORDS:

“Over the past decade, Hawai'i has emerged as a global leader in addressing the impact of climate change and advancing efforts to increase renewable energy production in our islands. I look forward to working as a member of Congress to seek meaningful solutions to preserve our environment for future generations.”

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GABE VASQUEZ (D-NM-2)



Gabe Vasquez has been a lifelong advocate for New Mexico's lands and people, working to preserve public lands, improve equitable access to the outdoors, and create good jobs.

Vasquez began working as a field representative for U.S. Senator Martin Heinrich (D-NM), where he was instrumental in the designation of the Organ Mountains Desert Peaks National Monument, protecting it from harmful development and safeguarding it for future generations. In 2016 Vasquez served as the community outreach director for the New Mexico Wildlife Federation. A year later, Vasquez was elected to the Las Cruces City Council and has delivered millions of dollars in investment to create and improve parks, updated his council district's infrastructure, promoted policies that created thousands of jobs, and helped craft a comprehensive development plan that focused on lifting families out of poverty. The same year, he also founded Nuestra Tierra Conservation Project, a non-profit spearheading efforts to ensure that marginalized communities have access to the outdoors.

As a representative, Vasquez will lead efforts to preserve public lands and prioritize the needs of communities in his fight for clean energy, justice, jobs, and a healthy, equitable future for all New Mexicans.

Vasquez joins the U.S. House after defeating Representative Yvette Herrell, who earned a spot on LCV Victory Fund's 2022 Dirty Dozen with a 0% score in 2021 on LCV's *National Environmental Scorecard*.

“New Mexico's natural resources and public lands are second to none. I've worked hard to protect our public lands and waters throughout my career, and I'll continue to support conservation policies and advocate for the wise use of our natural resources in Congress.”

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