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It's time to spur a just transition in DC to a clean, renewable energy economy for all.

Climate change threatens the health, homes, and pocketbooks of everyone in DC.

We have the power to turn these trends around by passing a climate bill that benefits everyone, from DC businesses to the residents living on the front-lines of climate change.

The Clean Energy DC Omnibus Amendment Act of 2018, or "Clean Energy DC Act," is the result of more than two years of advocacy and three months of working group meetings with environmental advocates, the energy and utility sectors, and the business community.

If enacted, this bill would make DC a world leader on climate change. It would transition the District to 100% clean electricity by 2032 — the strongest renewable energy bill in the country — while investing in energy efficiency, creating groundbreaking building standards, and funding local programs to help low-income residents and make the city a sustainable place to live.

The Clean Energy DC Act would accomplish the following:

1. Transition DC to 100% renewable energy by 2032

By increasing the Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) to 100% by 2032, all District electricity would come from renewable energy like wind and solar. It also ensures that all renewable electricity is sourced from states in our regional electricity grid, known as the PJM. This would be the strongest clean energy law in the country!

2. Increase funding for local sustainability initiatives, creating jobs and helping low-income residents By increasing the Sustainable Energy Trust Fund (SETF) fee on fossil fuels, DC will be able to provide funding for local sustainability initiatives. This revenue would fund the Green Bank at \$15 million per year in 2020 and 2021, and \$10 million per year for the next 4 years, investing in programs that help business switch to clean energy and create good green jobs. One-fifth of all the funds raised would be directed to programs that benefit low-income residents, including ratepayer assistance and energy efficiency, weatherization, and fuel-switching programs.

3. Create groundbreaking building efficiency standards

Not only does this policy create the strongest building efficiency standards in the country, it provides resources to achieve these new standards. These standards should significantly increase efficiency and renewable jobs in DC, while reducing the money flowing out of DC for energy imports and making DC buildings more competitive.

4. Reduce Transportation Sector Emissions

Under this policy, Mayor Bowser could commit DC to future regional initiatives that would reduce transportation emissions and impose a carbon fee on motor fuel. It also revises DC's vehicle excise tax to depend on fuel efficiency, incentivizing the purchase of more fuel-efficient cars in the District.

DC can lead the way to reign in carbon emissions and bring clean energy to everyone.

Behind the Bill

There are more than 100 DC organizations and businesses supporting this bill, as part of the "DC Climate Coalition" (formerly known as the "Put A Price On It, DC" coalition). While this coalition initially formed around a proposal for a carbon "fee-and-rebate" policy. While our carbon pricing proposal remains the best way of cutting carbon emissions while supporting DC's economy and residents, the Clean Energy DC Act also strongly positions the District as a national climate leader. This bill reflects our campaign's hard-won principles of strong, economy-wide emission reductions with a focus on equity.

The DC Climate Coalition supports this bill, and urges the DC Council to pass it in its entirety.

Join us: Make this vision a reality

Join us in supporting the Clean Energy DC Act. Learn more at www.carbonpricedc.org. For more information, contact Camila Thorndike at camila@chesapeakeclimate.org.

The Clean Energy DC Coalition is backed by a unified alliance of nearly 100 businesses, labor groups, environmental organizations, economic justice advocates, and faith and community leaders:



... and many more! See the complete list at http://www.carbonpricedc.org/about-the-coalition/