

# CLIMATE SOLUTIONS ACT

## CONGRESSMAN TED W. LIEU

The effects of climate change are happening before our very eyes, each and every day. The health of our families, the prosperity of our nation and the safety of our planet hang in the balance. We must act now.

The Climate Solutions Act of 2015 answers that call to action with three principles.

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### **America: follow California's lead.**

● Drought-stricken Californians know we cannot continue to pump billions of tons of carbon pollution into the air. Not while suffering the adverse health effects of climate change and coping with extreme weather like we've never seen in our lifetimes. The Climate Solutions Act takes California's leadership on climate change nationwide, by boldly regulating destructive carbon pollution, bringing America up to date with the goal of reducing carbon pollution to 80% below 1990 levels.



### **A Clean Energy American Economy NOW.**

It's time to end our dependence on the dirty, destructive energy of the past and invest in clean, safe fuels that will never run out. Americans have led every technological revolution in history and there's no reason we can't lead the green energy revolution already underway in China, Germany and beyond. Green energy technology can create millions of high-paying jobs that cannot be outsourced, rebuilding our nation's manufacturing economy, starting with wind turbines and solar panels stamped "Made in America." The Climate Solutions Act sets bold renewable energy goals.

### **Science, not Politics, must drive Climate Change Solutions.**

We can't allow gridlock in Washington to prevent us from addressing an urgent issue that 97% percent of climate scientists, NASA, and the U.S. military all agree is due to human activities. Every 5 years, the Climate Solutions Act empowers scientists to recommend bolder and more innovative domestic and international steps to avoid serious climate change.



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**CLIMATE CHANGE IS A DEFINING ISSUE OF OUR TIME, BUT THERE IS NO DEBATE IN CONGRESS ON THE ISSUE. IN CONTRAST, LEADERS IN BUSINESS, HEALTH AND FAITH ARE CALLING FOR AN END TO THE POLLUTION THAT IS DAMAGING OUR LAND, WATER AND CLIMATE.**

**CONGRESSMAN LIEU, CO-AUTHOR OF CALIFORNIA'S LANDMARK GLOBAL WARMING SOLUTIONS ACT OF 2006, RAN FOR U.S. CONGRESS TO HELP TACKLE CLIMATE CHANGE. TODAY, HE INTRODUCES THE CLIMATE SOLUTIONS ACT.**

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### TITLE I

#### RENEWABLE ENERGY PORTFOLIO

Investing in and developing renewable energy sources is the key to America's success in the 21st Century Economy. Title I empowers the Department of Energy to set a renewable energy portfolio goal of 40% of all electric energy to come from renewable sources by 2030 and 80% by 2050.

### TITLE II

#### ENERGY EFFICIENCY STANDARD

It's time to produce more energy-saving appliances for our homes and machines for our businesses, designed and manufactured by American workers. Title II allows the Department of Energy to increase energy efficiency savings targets, starting in 2018 and increasing each year after until 2028.

### TITLE III

#### CARBON POLLUTION

Increasingly dangerous and destructive levels of carbon pollution account for practically all of global climate change. The Climate Solutions Act instructs the EPA to set historic targets for reducing carbon pollution: 40% below 1990 levels by 2035 and 80% below 1990 levels by 2050.

Climate Change science is not only real; it's the key to protecting the health of our families and the safety of planet Earth. The Climate Solutions Act empowers the National Academies of Science and National Research Council to recommend increasingly bold and innovative solutions to tackle Climate Change.

In order to meet these carbon pollution reduction goals, EPA is empowered to issue regulations that cut carbon pollution. Title III sets a starting point for states to reduce carbon pollution and thereby doesn't impede more ambitious action on the state level.