



***** THE BIPARTISAN CLIMATE SOLUTIONS CAUCUS *****

Two Years of the Relunched Bipartisan Climate Solutions Caucus

Two years ago, the bipartisan Climate Solutions Caucus regained parity and officially relaunched! Under the leadership of **Co-Chairs Andrew Garbarino (R-NY)** and **Chrissy Houlahan (D-PA)**, the Caucus has built active, bipartisan dialogues that have expanded Congressional education on issues at the nexus of climate, energy, environment, commerce, and security. To ring in year two, the Caucus leaders named **Rep. Scott Peters (D-CA)** as the new Democrat Co-Chair and **Rep. David Valadao (R-CA)** as the first-ever Republican Vice Chair. Rep. Chrissy Houlahan will be continuing her leadership on the Caucus as the Democrat Vice Chair. **Read more about the Caucus, and highlights from year two below!**



Representatives Garbarino (R-NY) and Houlahan (D-PA) met in December 2025 to discuss Caucus priorities in the 119th Congress.



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Caucus Mission: [The bipartisan Climate Solutions Caucus](#) is a group of Members who are working together to combat climate change while also protecting the economic prosperity of the United States. This group is dedicated to building a constructive dialogue about climate change, economics, energy, and conservation among Members of Congress, global leaders, environmental organizations, and business leaders. The Caucus is currently comprised of over 56 Members, split evenly between Republicans and Democrats to maintain a “Noah’s Ark” style membership. See [here](#) for a full Member list and [here](#) for a review of the group’s activity in its first year since the relaunch.

For a recap of the Caucus’s activities month-by-month, see our newsletters: [September](#), [October](#), [November](#), [December](#), [January](#), [February](#), [March](#), [April](#), [May](#), [June](#), [July](#)



Caucus members met with private sector partners to discuss clean energy tax credits.

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MONTH	MEMBER MEETING	STAFF MEETING
<u>SEPT. '24</u>	Clean Energy Workforce Development (DOE, Private Sector, Labor Panel)	Senate Permitting Reform Discussion (with Senate Energy & Natural Resources Committee Staff) International Conservation & National Security
<u>OCT. '24</u>	— Out of Session —	<u>3 Briefing Series on Energy Tax Credits:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Energy Tax Credits 101 • Implementation • Gaps & Bipartisan Opportunities
<u>NOV. '24</u>	Domestic Manufacturing & Supply Chains (Auto / Battery Private Sector Panel)	Energy Permitting Reform Act (Private Sector Panel)
<u>DEC. '24</u>	Co-Chair Meeting on 119th Priorities	Agroforestry (Producer Panel)
<u>JAN. '25</u>	Clean Energy Tax Credits (Private Sector Roundtable)	Energy & Climate 101 (State of Play & New Staff Intro)
<u>FEB. '25</u>	Permitting Reform (State of Play + Industry Roundtable)	Energy Tax Credits & Reconciliation Discussion Energy Markets and Policy Trends Briefing
<u>MAR. '25</u>	—————	Permitting Reform Discussion
<u>APR. '25</u>	Energy & Manufacturing Dominance (Policy & Industry Roundtable)	Data Center Salon-Style Discussion
<u>MAY '25</u>	Critical Mineral Technologies & Innovation (Private Sector Roundtable)	Nonpartisan Discussion on Reconciliation
<u>JUNE '25</u>	Permitting Reform: Supreme Court NEPA Ruling (In partnership with Problem Solvers Caucus Permitting Working Group)	Small Nuclear Reactor 101 (DoD & Idaho National Lab)
<u>JULY '25</u>	—————	Electrical Grid & National Security (DoD & Policy Roundtable)

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Membership:

- Co-Chairs Garbarino & Houlahan welcomed **Reps. Jen Kiggans (R-VA), Kim Schrier (D-WA), Laurel Lee (R-FL), and Rob Bresnahan (R-PA)**, bringing the Caucus' membership to 56 Members while maintaining party parity.



Members discuss critical mineral technologies, innovation, and domestic production.

Convening Dialogues:

- Caucus Members gathered **nine times** for discussions on timely topics in the climate and energy space with bipartisan stakeholders, the business community, and agency leaders, including:
 1. Clean Energy Tax Credits
 2. Permitting Reform (including Transmission)
 3. Critical Mineral Supply Chains
 4. Critical Energy Infrastructure Security
 5. Industrial Decarbonization
 6. Workforce Development

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- In January, **Co-Chairs Murkowski, Coons, Garbarino, and Houlahan** of the Senate and House bipartisan Climate Solutions Caucus, met to discuss shared priorities in the 119th Congress and bicameral opportunities to engage members and staff.
- Caucus staff gathered for a total of **12 educational opportunities** including briefings, panel discussions, and roundtables that covered a broad and timely range of topics with executive agencies, trade associations, advocacy groups, international government officials, and the private sector, including: **(1)** Permitting Reform **(2)** Energy Tax Credits **(3)** Nature-Based Solutions **(4)** Data Centers **(5)** Agroforestry **(6)** Critical Minerals **(7)** Supply Chains **(8)** Clean Energy Technologies & Federal Incentives **(9)** Critical Energy Infrastructure Security and **(10)** Energy & National Security.
- Staff participated in **two trips** organized by the Climate Solutions Foundation to **(1)** Amazon's HQ2 in Crystal City, VA to discuss the company's climate goals and implementation strategy and **(2)** to Idaho National Lab to learn about innovative nuclear technologies, public-private partnerships, and solutions for meeting growing energy demand.



Caucus staff visit Idaho National Lab, hosted by the Climate Solutions Foundation, to discuss energy demand and next-generation technological solutions.



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Legislative Initiatives:

Over the past year, Co-Chairs Garbarino and Houlahan:

- Issued [a joint statement](#) praising bipartisan efforts to address the U.S. critical energy permitting and transmission needs and reaffirmed their commitment to working alongside their colleagues in both Chambers to ensure that the U.S. can meet its growing energy needs.
- Led **two bipartisan letters** alongside Members of the Caucus including:
 - (1) [A Caucus-wide letter](#) to the House Energy & Water Appropriations Subcommittee, urging Committee leaders to maintain robust funding for Department of Energy (DOE) programs that will keep the U.S. competitive, prosperous, and secure by building out vital, next-generation energy sources and technologies, stimulating economic growth, lowering energy costs, and paving the way for further onshoring of manufacturing and supply chains.
 - **13 Members of the Caucus signed onto the letter.**
 - (2) [A letter](#) to the House Energy & Water Appropriations Subcommittee expressing strong bipartisan support for federal investments in critical energy infrastructure that strengthens the nation's electrical grid. The letter urged them to supply funding that bolsters domestic production of distribution and power transformers to ensure long-term energy security across the U.S.
 - **The Co-Chairs were joined by 5 Caucus Members and 2 other Members on this letter (5 Republicans and 4 Democrats).**
- The Co-Chairs **jointly submitted 3 bipartisan energy permitting Appropriations provisions** alongside **Reps. Gabe Evans (R-CO)** and **Scott Peters (D-CA)** who lead the Problem Solvers Caucus Permitting, Energy & Environment Working Group. The report language submitted to the House Interior, Environment & Related Agencies Appropriations Subcommittee aim to analyze and streamline permitting processes by:
 - (1) Directing interagency efforts to develop and standardize implementation guidelines and strategic plans for incorporating AI technologies that would enhance agency staff's ability to prepare environmental documents.

- (2) Directing agencies to assess and report on timelines and delays associated with National Environmental Policy Act reviews, providing Congress with the data and analysis needed to craft constructive permitting reform policies and direct streamlining efforts.
- (3) Directing the agencies to provide Congress with data to assess and improve categorical exclusions across agencies to ensure that they are being effectively and responsibly utilized.



House and Senate Caucus staff visit Amazon HQ2 for a discussion of their climate strategy. The trip was hosted by the Climate Solutions Foundation.

- Co-Chair Houlahan championed **4 bipartisan energy security provisions in the FY26 House National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA)**. Several were supported by Caucus Members.
 - (1) **Ensuring water security at military installations:** directs DoD to develop risk assessments and mitigation strategies related to water security and mission assurance on military installations.
 - **This provision was jointly submitted by Caucus Members Bergman (R-MI) & Kiggans (R-VA) and was included in the FY26 House NDAA.**



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- (2) **Bolstering DoD's ability to ensure military installation energy security:**
directs DoD to report to Congress on outstanding power reliability issues, vulnerabilities, and existing authorities to remedy them.
- **This provision was jointly submitted by Caucus Member Bergman (R-VA) and was included in the FY26 House NDAA text.**
- (3) **Continuing funding for existing energy security & resilience programs within DoD**, including the Energy Resilience & Conservation Investment Program (ERCIP), Strategic Environmental Research and Development Program (SERDP), and Operational Energy Capability Improvement Fund (OECIF).
- **ERCIP, SERDP, and OECIF received continued funding support in the FY26 Presidential Budget and through the House FY26 NDAA.**
- (4) **Enhancing coordination on grid reliability for national security:**
Directs DoD to establish internal processes to support coordination with external regulatory and planning entities to assess and mitigate risks to defense-critical installations, advance the energy security objectives of the Department.
- **This provision was cosponsored by Rep. Kiggans (R-VA) and passed unanimously through the FY26 House NDAA markup.**

In the News:

- **In August 2024, Co-Chair Garbarino led [a letter](#)** urging Speaker Johnson to reconsider a full repeal of the clean energy tax credits. 17 other House Republicans signed onto the letter, **including 14 Caucus Members.**
- **Co-Chair Garbarino followed up with [another letter](#)** to House Ways & Means Chairman Jason Smith in March 2025 to emphasize the importance of a targeted and pragmatic approach to changes in the clean energy tax credits. He was joined by 20 other House Republicans, **including 12 Caucus Members.**
- **In May 2025, Co-Chair Garbarino joined Caucus Member Jen Kiggans (R-VA) in introducing [H.R. 3291, the Certainty for Our Future Act](#),** outlining an approach to reforming the clean energy tax credits that would bolster national security, maintain investment certainty, support domestic manufacturing, and promote energy innovation. **7 other Republican Caucus Members** have cosponsored the legislation.



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Communications

Looking to keep up to date with the Climate Solutions Caucus in the coming year? The Caucus maintains active communications through its [website](#), [press releases on relevant actions](#), and an [active monthly newsletter](#) to stakeholders highlighting Member and staff actions and events.

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