



# January/February Policy Newsletter

Have you found it hard to keep up with the piles of legislation bouncing around in Congress? So have we. That's why we put together this newsletter with the most important things you should know!

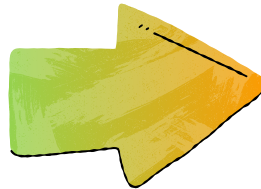
## NYAT Announcements

Round 2 of the  
Electrification Challenge  
open for registration!



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2023 Youth Slideshow



[NYAT Year in Review](#)

Join the National  
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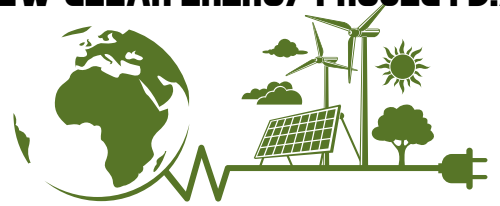
Aili has stepped down from NYAT leadership. We miss you, Aili! Thank you for all the great work that you've done in your 3 years as Outreach team leader.

# Let's Make 2024 the Year of Permitting Reform!

(THIS IS HOW WE SPEED UP BUILDING AND CONNECTING NEW CLEAN ENERGY PROJECTS!)

## WHY PERMITTING REFORM?

Permitting reform is critical if we're going to make the clean energy transition happen fast enough to meet our climate targets.



JUST LIKE YOU NEED A **BUILDING PERMIT** TO EXPAND YOUR HOME, BIG ENERGY PROJECTS **MUST** GET WRITTEN APPROVAL FROM LOCAL, STATE, AND/OR FEDERAL AUTHORITIES **TO BEGIN CONSTRUCTION.**



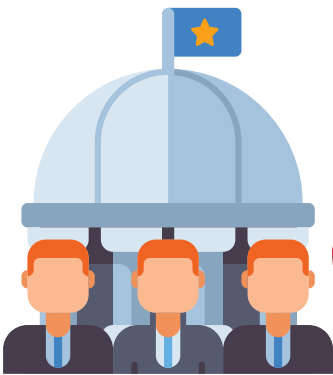
# TAKE ACTION NOW!

## BEGIN BY WRITING TO CONGRESS!

Ask Congress to enact further permitting reform legislation this year.

The new package must:

- Boost transmission projects
- Improve early community involvement
- Speed up the pace with which the U.S. builds and deploys new clean energy projects



**IT ONLY TAKES 3 CLICKS! YOU MAY CREATE YOUR OWN MESSAGE, OR USE THE PRETYPED VERSION WE HAVE PROVIDED FOR YOU!**



<https://citizensclimatelobby.org/get-loud-take-action/permitting-reform/>

# PROVE IT Act Success Story!



**Good work, CCL!**

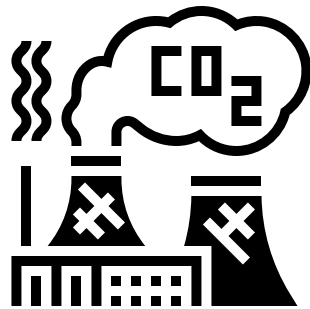


CCLer's have been hard at work writing, calling, and lobbying for this bill's support since last June!

**On Thursday, January 18th, the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee passed the markup of the PROVE IT Act 15-4 with bipartisan support!**

Thank you to everyone who has helped with this effort!

**What is it?**

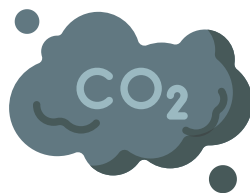


The PROVE IT Act is a bipartisan bill that would **take the first big step towards a carbon border adjustment (CBAM)**. It would task the Department of Energy with calculating the amount of carbon it takes for United States industries to create products compared to foreign competitors. Once we know this, we can determine the price to charge imports from other countries. Then we can pass a bill establishing a  
CBAM!

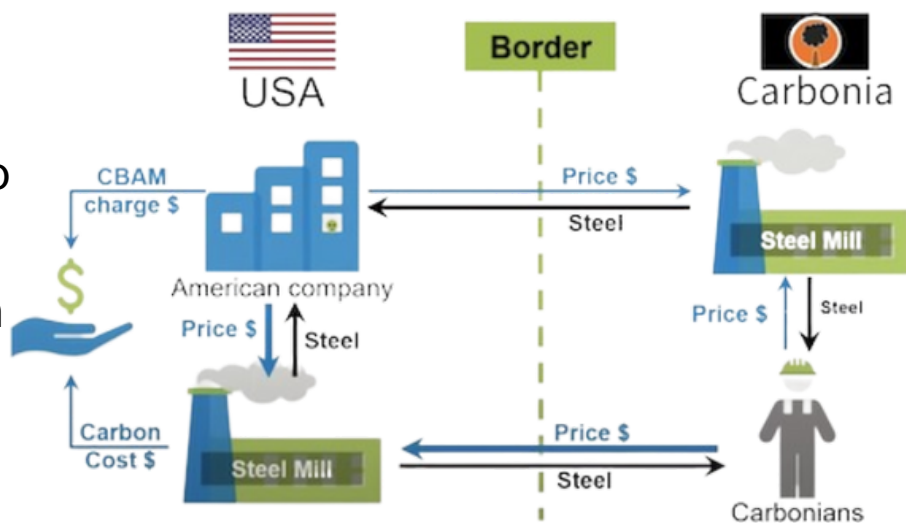
# What's a CBAM?



Because the US has more regulations, our products tend to emit less carbon in the process of making them. Unfortunately, this often adds extra costs for US companies, and the dirtier, foreign competitors are advantaged.



A CBAM levels the playing field by placing a fee on the extra carbon footprint of these imports. This encourages foreign companies to move to cleaner sources, and Americans to buy low-carbon American products.



## The US Isn't the Only Country!

Many countries including the European Union, the United Kingdom, Japan, Canada have implemented, or are in the process of considering their own CBAM. Let's join them!



For more information, check out [this](#) blog post!

# NYAT Team Updates!



Here's what each team has been up to:

## Actions

With elections coming up, the Actions Team just kickstarted a new initiative called Relational Organizing to mobilize voters. We held a training on utilizing the Empower App and have been conferencing with different organizations to develop and fund our campaign. We also presented an Electrification Challenge/Climate Workshop to students in Colorado.



## Communications

The Communications Team has been focused on promoting the School Electrification Challenge through our website and instagram and spotlighting electrification teams at CCL. We are also in the process of creating the first draft of a youth segment to be featured on Citizens' Climate Radio, so be on the lookout for that!



## Membership

The Membership Team has been working on organizing an educational call and engaging current members. We have been getting an exciting number of joins recently and have been working on welcoming them!



## Outreach

The Outreach Team has been planning presentations to give to other climate organizations, as well as to the whole NYAT. We've also been creating CCL youth tabling materials to be used nationwide. Recently the Outreach Team has been focusing on making this newsletter!






# MARK YOUR CALENDARS!






## NYAT Events

# February

\*Please check Slack or your team's communication platform for updated meeting times!\*

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
				1.	2. Actions team meeting @5pm PT/8pm ET	3.
4. <b>Working Teams Call @4pm ET</b>	5.	6.	7.	8.	9. Actions team meeting @5pm PT/8pm ET	10. <b>2024</b> Lunar New Year
11. Communications team meeting @4pm ET Intro to NYAT call @4pm EST	12.	13.	14.  <b>Valentines Day</b>	15.	16. Actions team meeting @5pm PT/8pm ET	17.
18. Communications team meeting @4pm ET	19.  Presidents Day	20.	21.	22.	23. Actions team meeting @5pm PT/8pm ET	24.
25. Communications team meeting @4pm ET	26.	27.	28.	29.  Leap Day		

# March

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					1. Actions team meeting @5pm PT/8pm ET	2.
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24. Communications team meeting @4pm ET	25.	26.	27,	28.	29. Actions team meeting @5pm PT/8pm ET	30. Deadline to enter Round 2 of Electrification Challenge!
31. Communications team meeting @4pm ET 						

# WHO ARE WE?



At CCL, we know that **the best and most efficient way to address the climate crisis is through political will and the enacting of policies.**

But for that to happen, it's going to require our will as a united people, our teamwork, and our actions.

As an organization, **that is exactly what we do.** We work to ensure that not only are we building awareness on the subject, but are also taking **solid steps toward actually addressing the crisis**, including providing and supporting solutions and policies.



[Learn more about CCL!](#)

A green ribbon banner with the text "National Youth Action Team" in black font.

National Youth Action Team



The NYAT is a team within CCL for anyone under 18 who wants to help! We collaborate in four different teams - Actions, Outreach, Membership, and Communications! **Go to page 5 to find out what each team has been up to!**

[Learn more about the NYAT!](#)