

Citizens' Climate Lobby
National Youth Action Team



March/April 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!

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PROVE IT ACT

Ask your members of Congress to cosponsor the Prove It Act to help support acting on global carbon pollution.

WHAT DOES IT DO?

- 1) Requires the Department of Energy (DOE) to study and compare the carbon emissions of products that are produced in the United States vs. other countries.
- 2) Organizes information gathered into a database to help us negotiate effectively with trading partners who have **carbon border adjustment mechanisms (CBAMs)** in place.

CBAM

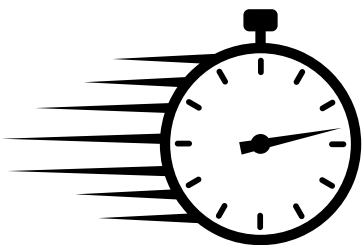
A CBAM puts an extra charge on carbon-heavy goods produced outside the country, which is an effective way to lower carbon emissions globally.

This is because countries will make their products cleaner in order to avoid the carbon fee.

Take action now by writing a quick email to your members of Congress asking them to cosponsor.



It takes 5 minutes!



Tell Your Members of Congress to

COSPONSOR THE PROVE IT ACT



Meet our newest campaign!

THE CLIMATE GOAT



SHOUT-OUT TO CONNOR ENNIS FOR CREATING THE NAME OF THE CAMPAIGN!

SHOUTOUT TO THE NYAT OUTREACH TEAM FOR DESIGNING THE LOGO!

WHO

The Higher Education and National Youth Action Teams of Citizens' Climate Lobby.

WHAT

A youth-driven campaign to get out the climate vote in 2024.



HOW

By using a combination of **relational organizing** and **deep canvassing** tactics to support youth in speaking with people they know (family members, classmates, friends, even teachers/professors) about the importance of keeping climate in mind at the polls.

Go to the next page for how YOU can take action!

RESOURCES

[Climate GOAT Campaign Overview](#)

[Climate GOAT Campaign Script](#)

[Potential Energy's Talk Like a Human Guide](#)

[Intergenerational Climate Conversations Guide](#)



Climate GOAT Campaign



Each month we have a mini-challenge.
This month's challenge is...

Triple April!

Have **3** climate conversations a week!

Talk to people about climate change and voting.

Recruit **3** people to the Empower app

Ask others to be involved with the GOAT campaign.

Find out more by visiting the [Higher Ed website](#).

Watch the [training video](#)!



TIME TO TALK



Did you know that more than 70% of Americans are worried about climate change? But most of us avoid talking about it because it feels too overwhelming or political.

But it doesn't have to be this way!

In perfect timing with the GOAT campaign, national CCL invites you to take action this month by talking about climate change.



LOG YOUR CONVERSATIONS



WHY?

Talking about climate change makes it feel much more important and relevant. This makes it more likely that we'll actually take action!

WHO?

Anyone! You can talk to your family, friends, teacher, classmates, hairstylist, etc.

1. Heart

Connect on a personal level with an opening question.

2. Head

Bring out concerns and impacts through facts and data.

3. Hands

Talk about solutions and your experience volunteering with CCL.



THE GREAT SCHOOL ELECTRIFICATION CHALLENGE

Schools consume as much energy
EVERY YEAR as:



OR



15 MILLION

cars

18

coal-fired power
plants

It doesn't have to be that way. Let's do something about it!

**Round 2 of the Electrification Challenge launched
April 1st. It's not too late to join!**

- **Form a team of 3+ students from your school district and find an adult sponsor.**
- **Earn points by taking actions that support school electrification.**

**So what are you waiting for? Join the Great School
Electrification Challenge [here](#).**



THE GREAT SCHOOL ELECTRIFICATION CHALLENGE

NEED INSPIRATION?

Here are 3 extraordinary teams in the Electrification Challenges and their tips to guide you in your climate journey!

13 TEAMS

are competing in Round 1 of the Great School Electrification Challenge

Meet

3 of them!



Challenges:

Budget deficit, bad case studies, and political climate.



Accomplishments:

Resolution for electric school buses.



Tips:

Plan your timeline, and cater to what your school board wants.



Challenges:

Very bureaucratic, large agendas, small starting membership.



Accomplishments:

Passage of " A Resolution to Commit to Renewable Energy and Electrification."



Tips:

Make as many connections as possible.



Challenges:

Resolution took a while to research and write, no initial success.



Accomplishments:

Environmental advocacy in young children.



Tips:

Divide your work and stay committed.

NYAT Announcements:

- ★ Round 2 of the Great Electrification Challenge is open! [Register now!](#)
- ★ The CCL Student Summit at the June Conference in Washington DC is on June 8th! [Register now!](#) Scholarships available, [here](#) is the form.
- ★ **Climate GOAT Campaign!** CCL's NYAT and Higher Ed are teaming up to get friends and family to participate in the elections as "climate voters." Join the campaign by [downloading the Empower App](#). You can watch the training video [here](#).
- ★ The Youth Corner on Citizens' Climate Radio debuted in February! [Listen here](#).
- ★ Check out the CCL [National Blog Post](#) on Vinay's COP 28 experience!
- ★ Check out another CCL [National Update](#) featuring the Cincinnati Electrification Challenge team!



NYAT Team Updates!



Here's what each team
has been up to:



Actions:



The Actions Team has been working hard to establish the new GOAT campaign, while also launching round 2 of the electrification challenge! They held a call where several teams shared their knowledge from round 1 of the challenge, as well as another deep canvassing training for the GOAT campaign. The new challenge for April just debuted, and more info can be found on pages 4-5.

Communications:



The Communications Team has been busy spreading the word about all of the NYAT's activities on social media, keeping our [website](#) updated, and developing the youth corner on Citizens' Climate Radio (see above).

Membership:



The Membership and Inclusion Team has enjoyed welcoming all of our new members into the NYAT! They recently held a welcome call for these members and are planning more for the coming months. They also are beginning work on some new ideas to promote more diversity from different groups.

Outreach:



The Outreach Team has been busy developing flyers and other material to promote NYAT events, as well as preparing for an international climate advocate training (FXB) and writing this newsletter! They have also started a new project to reach out to schools around the country.

If you haven't joined a team yet, you still can at any time!

CCL YOUTH



SPOTLIGHT

Let's get inspired by some of the awesome things CCL youth are up to in Washington State!

"Young people will be living with the consequences of our choices far longer than the lawmakers they're meeting with. This gives young people a lot of credibility with legislators on climate."



"I was super excited to talk to my state representatives about climate policy and get to hear their thoughts and encourage some collaboration across the aisle"



On Jan. 15, 2024, CCL Washington youth volunteers held an impressive 21-meeting lobby day at the state's capitol. Lindsey Desai and Jeremy Suzuki took the lead on planning this event.

They lobbied from 10AM to 4PM, endorsing **Washington's Climate Auction Relief proposal** and the **Carbon Fee and Dividend act**.

Mark your Calendars!

NYAT EVENTS

APRIL

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Challenge, Round 2 begins April Fools' Day! 	2	3	4	5 Actions team meeting @5pm PT/8pm ET	6 Outreach team meeting @7:30pm PT/8pm ET
7 April Working Teams Call	8	9	10	11	12 Actions team meeting @5pm PT/8pm ET	13 Outreach team meeting @7:30pm PT/8pm ET
14 Communications team meeting @4pm ET	15	16	17	18	19 Actions team meeting @5pm PT/8pm ET	20 Outreach team meeting @7:30pm PT/8pm ET
21 Communications team meeting @4pm ET	22 Earth Day! 	23	24	25	26 Actions team meeting @5pm PT/8pm ET	27 Outreach team meeting @7:30pm PT/8pm ET
28 Communications team meeting @4pm ET	29	30 Deadline for scholarship applications for Student Summit				

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MAY

events



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thr	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
					Actions team meeting @5pm PT/8pm ET	Outreach team meeting @7:30pm PT/8pm ET
Cinco de Mayo!	5	6	7	8	9	10
May Working Teams Call					Actions team meeting @5pm PT/8pm ET	"Youth Takeover" on CCL National Call
Mothers' Day	12	13	14	15	16	17
Communications team meeting	Presentation to Electrification Action Team				Actions team meeting @5pm PT/8pm ET	Outreach team meeting @7:30pm PT/8pm ET
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Youth Lobby Training Communications team meeting @4pm ET	Deadline for registration for June conference				Actions team meeting @5pm PT/8pm ET	Outreach team meeting @7:30pm PT/8pm ET
26	27	28	29	30		
Communications team meeting @4pm ET	Memorial Day					



WHO ARE WE?



Citizens' Climate Lobby

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!](#)

National Youth Action Team



The NYAT is team within CCL for anyone under 18 who wants to help work towards climate action! We work together to make a difference through collaboration in 4 different teams - Actions, Communication, Membership, and Outreach.

[Scroll up to find out what each team has been up to!](#)