#### Citizens' Climate Lobby National Youth Action Team



#### September/October

#### **Policy Newsletter**



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## NYAT Announcements



#### Great School Electrification Challenge

Round 2 is happening now with 26 teams registered!

#### **October Mini-Challenge**

Have 1 conversation about climate-forward voting every day for a total of 31 conversations in October!

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#### **The GOAT Campaign**

Now's the time to get involved and get out the climate vote!

#### "Youth Corner" Podcast

Check out the latest <u>Youth</u>

<u>Corner on the Citizens' Climate</u>

<u>Lobby Radio Podcast</u>! The

episode is focused on the GOAT

Campaign!



# NYAT Team Updates!



With the November elections right around the corner, all 4 working teams have been collaborating to build momentum on the Climate GOAT Campaign (page 8).

#### Here's what each team has been doing:



The Actions Team has been in charge of running the GOAT Campaign with the Higher Ed Team. They have been busy tracking data from the campaign, creating monthly minichallenges, and creating an elections roadmap!

The Communications Team has been spreading the word about the GOAT Campaign on social media, including creating Instagram posts.





The Membership Team has been welcoming new people in to the NYAT! They held a Welcome Call on September 20th.

The Outreach Team has been reaching out to chapters across the country to ask them to spread the word about the GOAT Campaign to members of their chapter.



Now's the Time to Join the GOAT Campaign



As a student, it can feel like there's not much we can do to impact the results of the election, even when we're passionate about the support of policies we want to see in action.

That's why the Higher Ed Team and National Youth Action Team of CCL teamed up to form a **youth-driven campaign** that uses conversations to make climate change a *voting priority*.

So go to <u>youth.citizensclimatelobby.org/climate-goat</u> to learn more and **join the campaign.** 



## OCTOBER MINI CHALLENGE

#### **Our Mission**

To facilitate **one** conversation per day in October for a total of **thirty one** conversations throughout the month!





The month of October is a **crucial** time for the election process as it is the last full month before the election! It is important that we work together to **mobilize** conversations surrounding the election during this time.

More Information: cclusa.org/climate-goat



## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

#### **Prove IT Act**

The Prove IT Act, which would require the DoE to compare the carbon emissions of products produced in the US compared to other countries to help encourage carbon emission reduction globally, passed in the Senate and is gaining sponsors in the House.

## **Increased TSP Access Act**

The Increased TSP Act deals with helping agricultural producers such as farmers take advantage of existing climate programs. It has gained eleven congressional sponsors since the CCL's June lobby day.

## Seedlings for a Sustainable Habitat Act

This act would support the development of seedling nurseries for reforestation.
Like the Increased TSP
Access Act, it has gained seven sponsors since June.



<u>Take Action</u>: help the Energy Permitting Reform Act pass by emailing your members of Congress.



### HAVE A SPOOKY SUSTAINABLE



- Go trick or treating in your neighborhood instead of driving somewhere else! Get to know your neighbors and enjoy!
- Buy locally produced treats with minimal or recycled plastic packaging. Try buying in bulk and giving out candy in paper bags!
- Make diy Halloween decorations, goodie bags and costumes using old household materials!
- Roast your pumpkin seeds and either eat or compost the rest of the pumpkin!





It may not be the first thing people care about while voting, but keep in mind that our elected officials will be the ones making choices for our future, and there's no doubt that we want them to make climate change and the health of our Earth a top priority.

it's now or never to take action for policies we care about. <u>spread the word that the 2024 election is coming up and encourage everyone you know to vote!</u>





### CLEAN ENERGY PERMITTING REFORM

Clean energy permitting reform focuses on accelerating the deployment of clean energy infrastructure, such as electrical transmission lines. By allowing faster approval of new clean energy projects, tripling our capacity to transmit this energy, and involving local communities, America can utilize the benefits of the Inflation Reduction Act and get closer to our climate goals.



### ELECTRIFICATION AND EFFICIENCY

Upgrading buildings and appliances to be powered by electricity not only saves money, but eliminates a major source of carbon pollution. Electric appliances and vehicles are much more efficient and they are a vital first step to transitioning to clean energy.

#### **CARBON PRICING**

A carbon price is a fee applied where a fossil fuel first enters the economy, encouraging businesses and consumers to reduce their usage and switch to clean energy. Some bills CCL supports, including the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act will also help Americans afford the transition to clean energy by giving the money collected by the fee right back to the people!

#### **HEALTHY FORESTS**

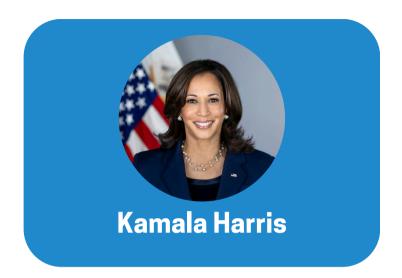
CCL supports preserving and expanding forests, using climate-smart agricultural practices, using durable wood products, and increasing urban forests. Urban trees help cities avoid power failures during extreme heat waves by reducing air conditioning usage.



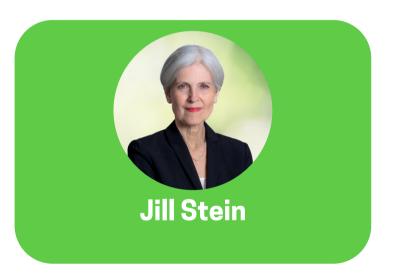


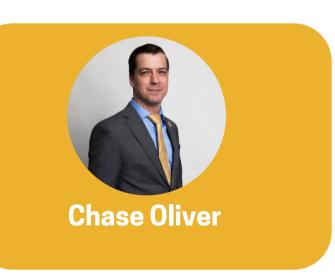
## What Do the Candidates Say About Climate? Questions to ask











- 1. What are the <u>candidates' positions</u> on carbon pricing, clean energy permitting reform, healthy forests, and electrification?
- 2. What is the candidate's plan to reduce emissions to meet the Paris Agreement?
- 3. Who is donating to their campaign? What percent of their funding comes from fossil fuel energy groups? Clean energy groups? Go to opensecrets.org to check!



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## 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.

Go to page 4 to find out what each team has been up to!

**Learn more about the NYAT!**