



Climate Jobs National Resource Center

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**"READY TO GET TO WORK": CLIMATE JOBS LEADERS APPLAUD
INFLATION REDUCTION ACT**

Today, President Biden signed into law the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), a sweeping climate jobs investment that will transform the renewable energy economy, slash emissions and pollution, and could create millions of good union jobs across the country.

"The Inflation Reduction Act is a clear win for workers and for our planet. It makes historic climate investments with strong labor standards that will lead to a nationwide boom in renewable energy development, create millions of union jobs and tackle inequality," **says Mike Fishman, president and executive director of the Climate Jobs National Resource Center.**

Here's what state-based climate jobs leaders are saying:

Aziz Dekhan, executive director of the Connecticut Roundtable on Climate and Jobs:

"The Inflation Reduction Act's emissions-reducing provisions include clean energy and electric vehicle tax credits, large-scale investments in domestic clean tech manufacturing, and environmental justice measures. This is a crucial piece of legislation that will move the country and Connecticut forward to a place of better health, more sustainable transportation options, and cleaner air. We now have an opportunity to leverage federal funds, to mitigate climate change, to help our businesses electrify their truck fleets, and to improve the air quality and health outcomes for all Connecticut residents."

Joe Duffy, executive director of Climate Jobs Illinois: "The Inflation Reduction Act will deliver real economic relief for families, and it will bring the fight to climate change on an unprecedented scale with historic investments in renewable energy. Most importantly, it will do so by putting working people first. Having enacted a similar law in Illinois that sets the strongest labor standards in the country and expands job and training opportunities for Black and Brown communities, we applaud Congress for passing this transformative legislation, and we are eager to get to work building the new clean energy economy."

Lenore Friedlaender, interim executive director of Climate Jobs New York: The Inflation Reduction Act is a huge step forward in moving to a more just clean energy economy. By incentivizing family sustaining jobs at the established prevailing wage and benefit rates, workers

in the new renewable energy sector are more likely to be part of growing the middle class and reducing income inequality. Climate Jobs New York will continue to advocate for these new jobs to be good union jobs and for workers of color to have opportunity and access to jobs and careers in the clean energy sector. It is also important that workers displaced by the transition to clean and renewable energy and the communities they live in have opportunities for jobs and investment so that there is a truly just transition to a more equitable and sustainable planet.”

Bo Delp, executive director of the Texas Climate Jobs Project: “The Inflation Reduction Act is a major milestone in our fight for a pro-worker, pro-climate agenda. This is a massive investment in renewables with strong labor standards that will help build carbon-free schools, utility-scale wind and solar, and next generation climate infrastructure in every community. The Texas Climate Jobs Project is ready to get to work making sure the IRA translates into good union jobs and healthier communities for all Texans.”

Francis Eanes, executive director of the Maine Labor Climate Council: “Mainers are ready to get to work building the future. The Inflation Reduction Act will make massive investments in utility-scale renewable energy sources with strong labor standards that create good jobs, cut carbon pollution, and sustain our communities. The Maine Labor Climate Council is ready to rally around this major opportunity to invest in carbon-free and healthy buildings and communities up and down our state.”

Pat Crowley, co-chair of Climate Jobs RI and secretary-treasurer of the Rhode Island AFL-CIO: “The Inflation Reduction Act will be transformational for workers and our planet. It invests billions of dollars in renewable energy with strong labor standards that will create union careers in communities that need them most. Now that President Biden has signed this historic pro-worker climate investment, Climate Jobs Rhode Island is ready to make sure every Rhode Islander benefits.”

Robb Kahl, executive director of the Construction Business Group (Wisconsin): “Solar is already booming in Wisconsin. The Inflation Reduction Act will make it even easier to build this critical new energy infrastructure and create good union jobs for local Wisconsinites to get the job done.”

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