

# Solving the Climate Challenge

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# Our Stories



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- I grew up in the outdoors
- Learned to ski and ski race competitively
- Noticed shortening winters
- Want my children to have the same experience I had



# Our Agenda

What do we  
already know  
about climate  
change?

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Who is Citizens'  
Climate Lobby  
and what  
solutions do  
they support?

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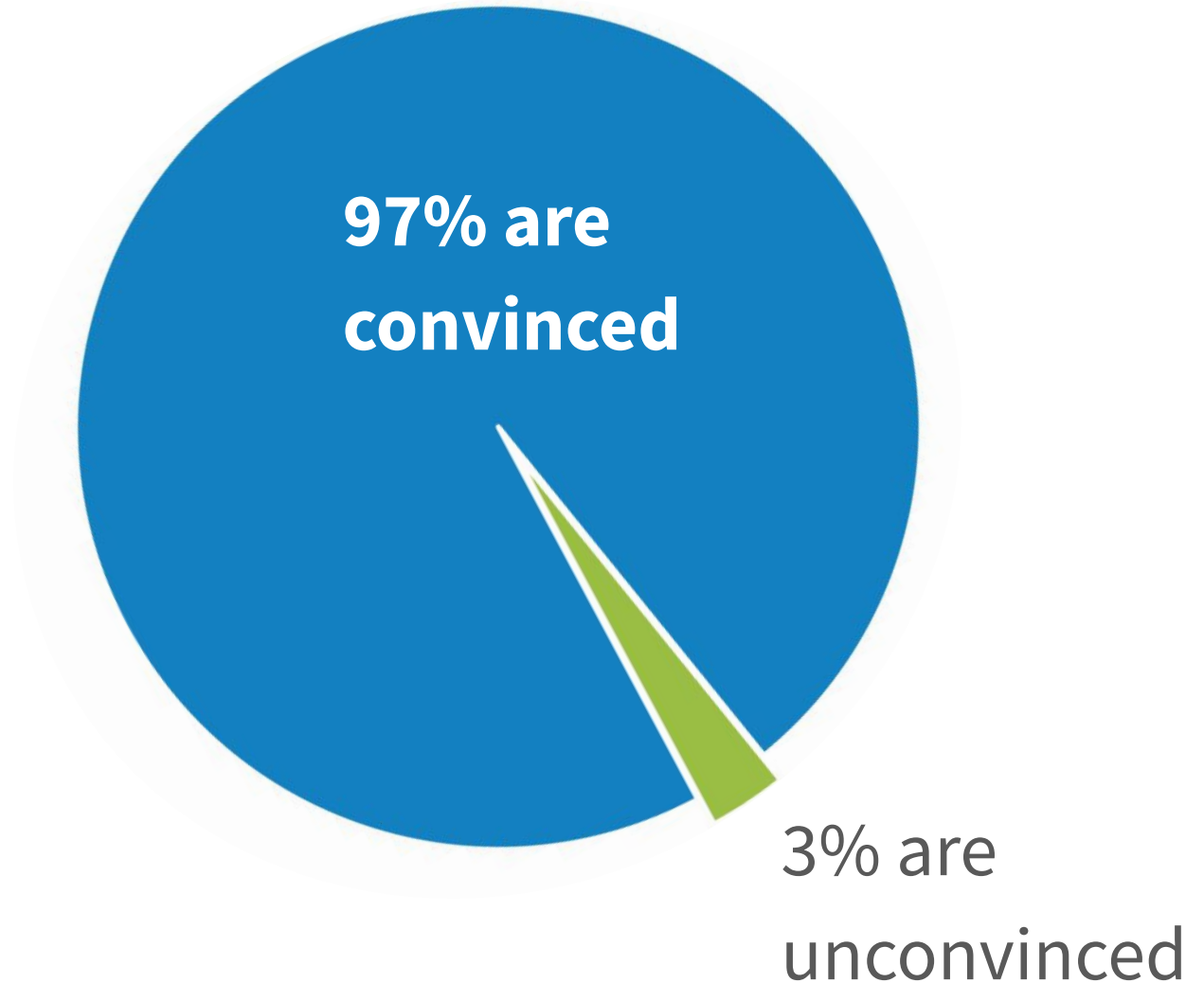
What specific  
actions can you  
and I take  
to maintain a  
livable world?

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# Scientific Consensus on Global Warming

**97% of climate scientists** agree:

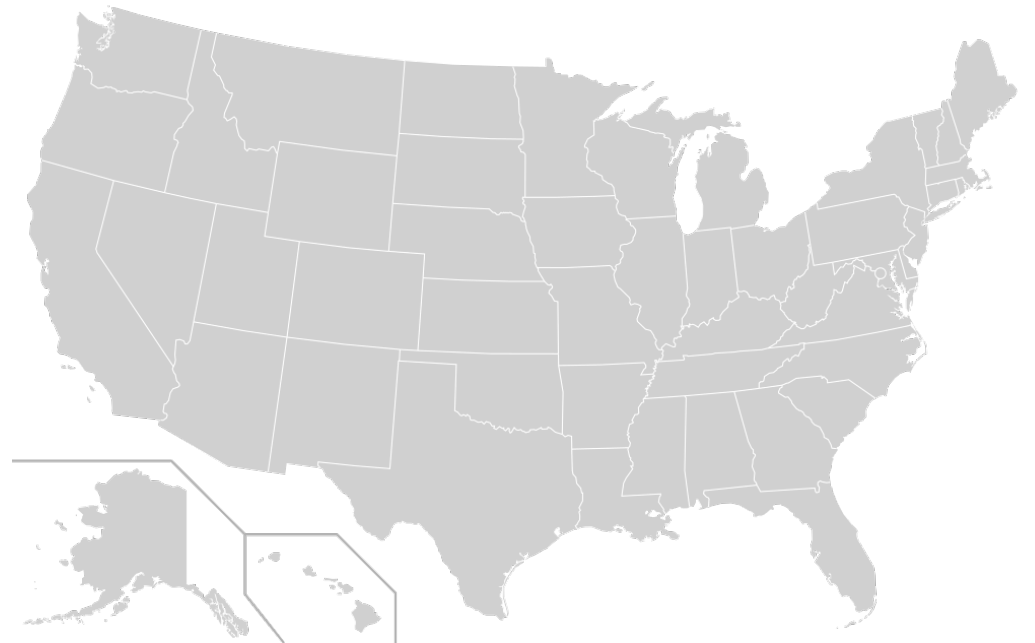
- Global warming is real
- It's caused by increased greenhouse gases
- Human activity is causing almost all the increase.



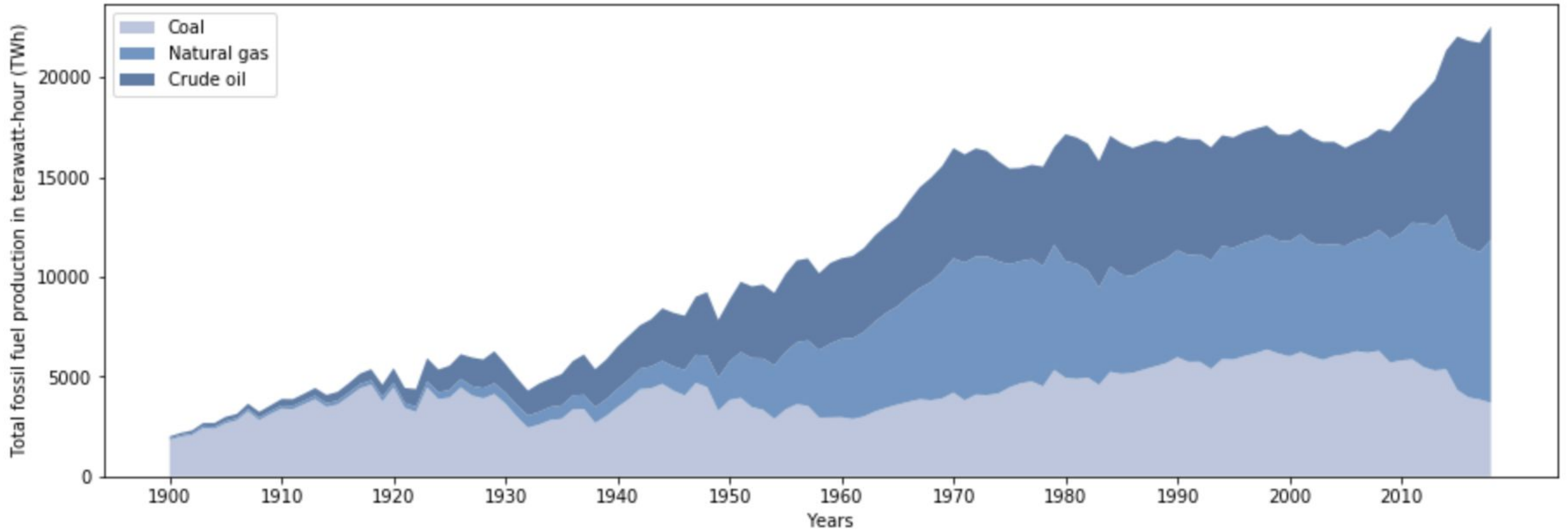
# Congressional Consensus on Global Warming

## Previous meetings:

- 2018: ~20 climate skeptic arguments
- 2019: 7 climate skeptic arguments
- 2020: ONE

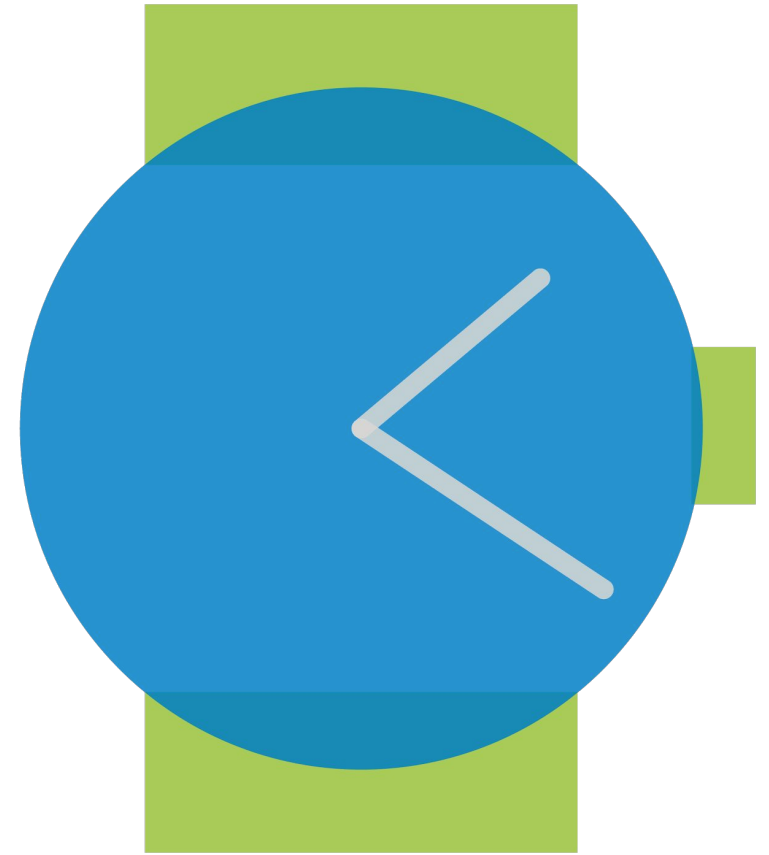


# The Biggest Driver Is Fossil Fuels



# How Long Do We Have?

The IPCC\* reports  
we have **10 years** to  
cut global emissions  
**by 50%**.



\*Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change



# Question for Reflection

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→ What's the story I tell myself that keeps me from fully engaging around climate change?

# “Wait and See” vs. “Let’s Get Going”

- Personal Conviction
- Path to Success
- Action Opportunities
- Support



# Citizens' Climate Lobby

- **Personal Conviction** - Education and training from one of the largest grassroots climate organizations in USA
- **Path to Success** - Roadmap to effective national climate policy
- **Action Opportunities** - Specific next steps to make a difference today
- **Support** - Chapters organize respectful, non-partisan collaboration



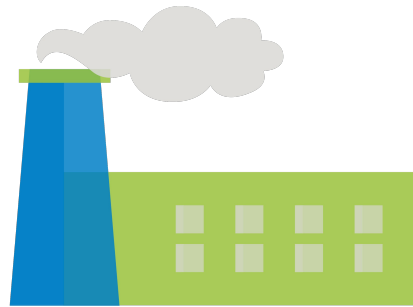
# What Makes A Good Climate Solution?

- Drives large scale change quickly
- Uses incentives that support choice
- Looks out for those who can least afford rising energy costs
- Durable - will stick around
- Healthy for the planet and the economy



# What Meets These Criteria?

A carbon fee & dividend policy!



H.R. 2307

**The Energy Innovation AND Carbon Dividend Act**

# How it Works



Charge a fee on fossil fuels at the source

(mine, well, or port)

Return 100% of net revenue to households as a dividend



Carbon Border Adjustment

# Benefits

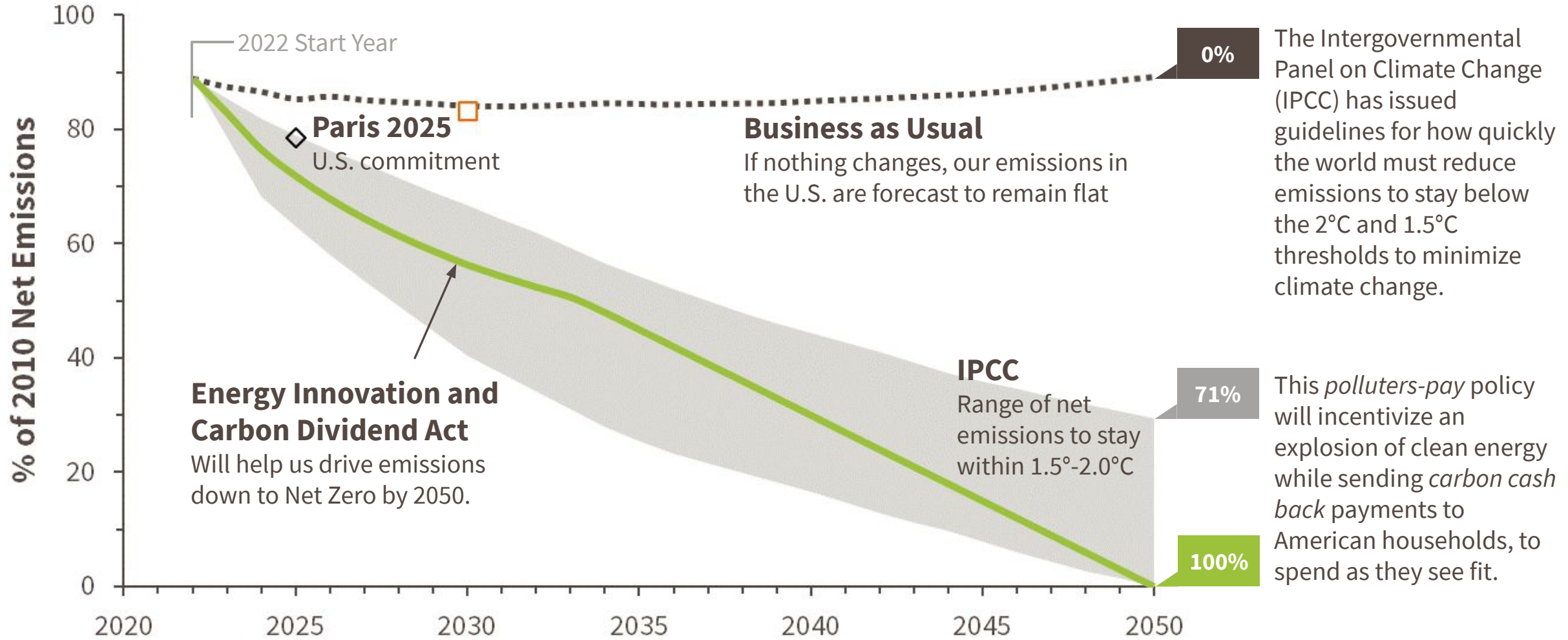


Net Zero by  
2050



less  
carbon  
emissions  
in the next  
5 years

# Energy Innovation Act Emission Reductions





# Benefits



Affordable  
Clean Energy

## JOBS ARE CREATED

TODAY

\$800 billion

in annual costs from  
environmental and health  
harms of fossil fuels

THE FUTURE

Clean energy jobs  
created in local  
communities



# Benefits



Saves Lives

## A HEALTHIER ENVIRONMENT

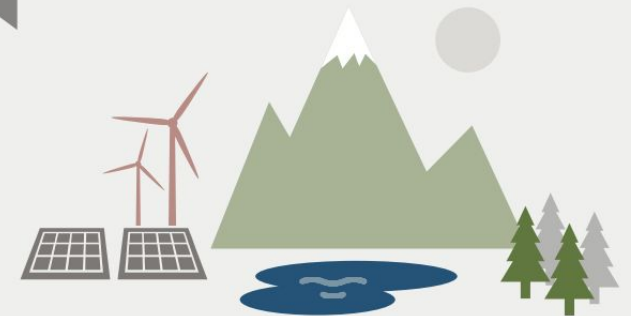
TODAY

350,000 lives lost  
each year due to air pollution

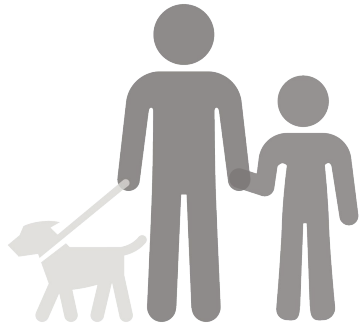


THE FUTURE

**4.5m** lives saved  
over the next 50 years  
thanks to clean air



# Benefits



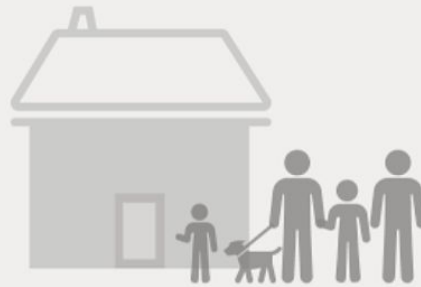
Puts Money in  
Your Pocket

## FAMILIES GET PAID

TODAY

\$0

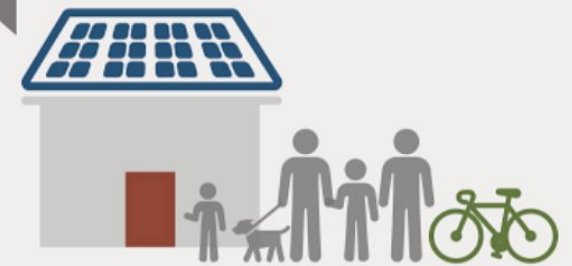
paid to households  
in carbon dividends



THE FUTURE

**\$2,974**

annual dividend for a family  
of 4 in year 10



# 41 Cosponsors (117th Congress)

Ted Deutch  
D-FL-22 ♦

Lou Correa  
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♦ = original sponsor  
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# Statements of Support



Don Cheadle



Rep. John Delaney



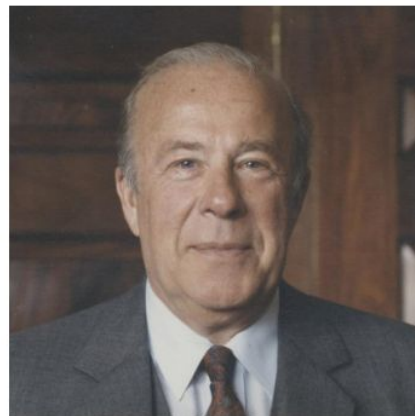
Jessie Diggins



James Hansen



Katharine Hayhoe



George P. Shultz



Bradley Whitford



Alex Honnold

“Unbelievable. With 100,000 supporters across the country, we now have a climate bill that serves the people by cutting carbon emissions and putting money in people's pockets. Climate change is incredibly urgent and serious, as I warned Congress when I first testified about global warming in 1988. This bill gives us the chance to fight it seriously and on a big scale. I encourage everyone to support the bipartisan Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act.”

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## **James Hansen**

Climate Scientist, Former Director of the NASA  
Goddard Institute for Space Studies, Adjunct  
Professor at Columbia University's Earth Institute



# Build Political Will to Act on Climate



# What's Your Action Plan?

- Continue to act locally
  - Share what you know about climate change
- Advocate for an effective national policy



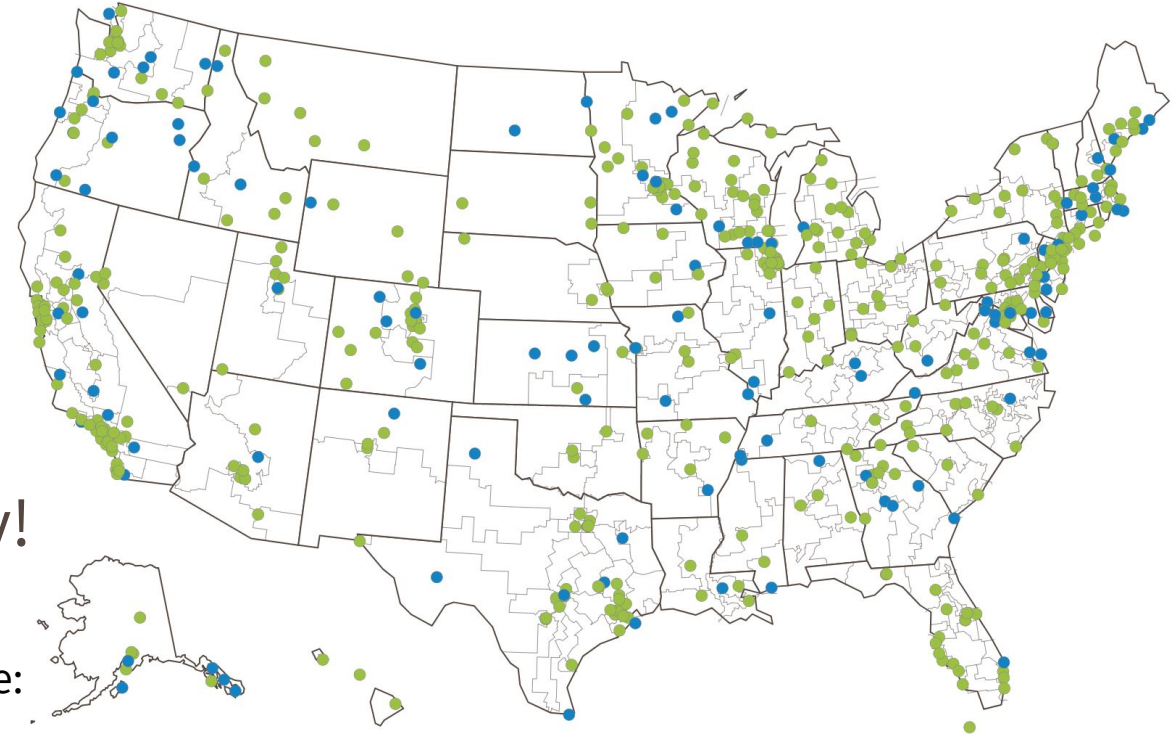


# Tap the Power of CCL Chapters

- CCL has over **596** groups throughout the world
- More than **190,000** supporters in our network
- Connect and engage in your community!

Some of our volunteer accomplishments from the last year include:

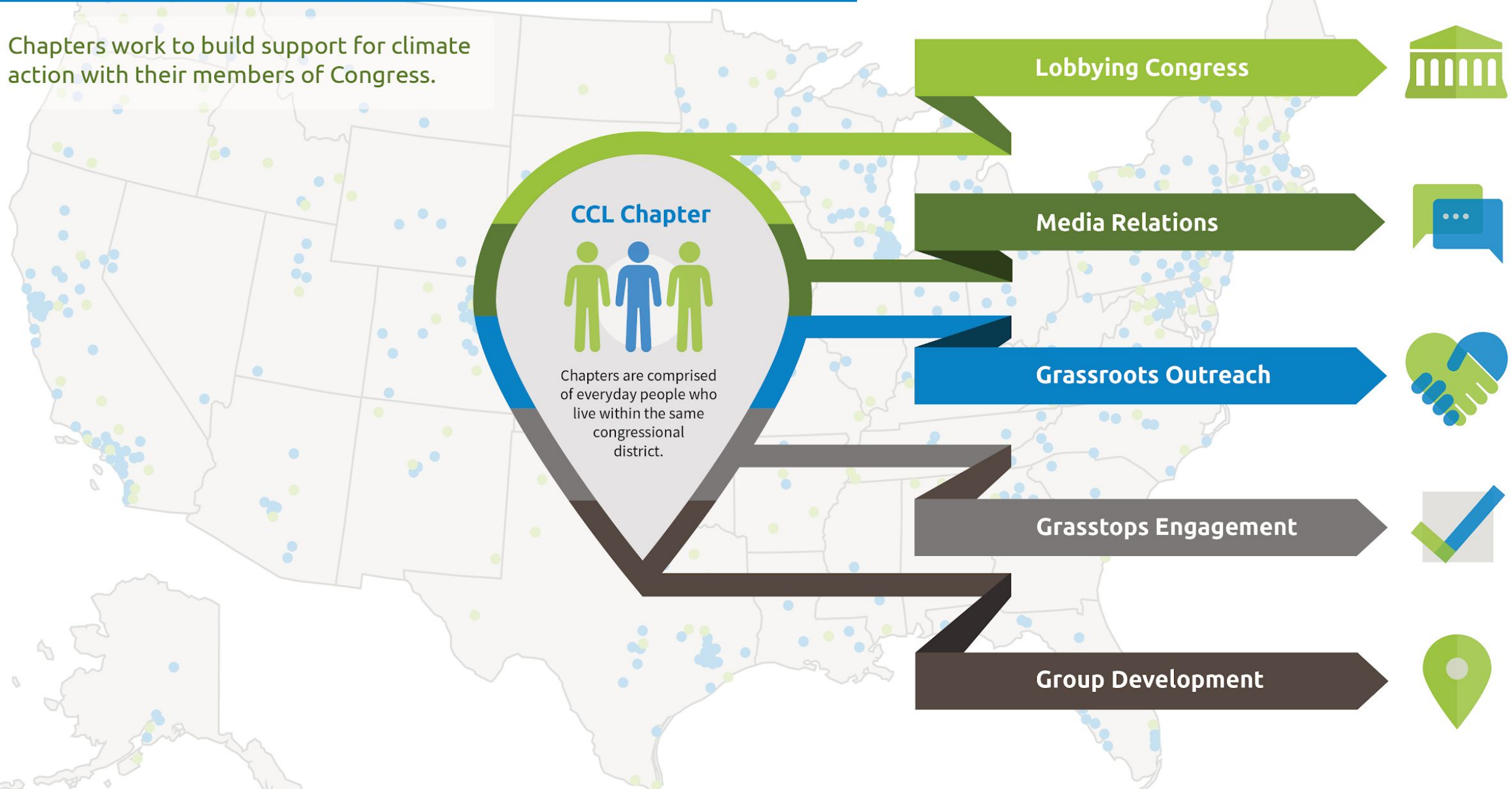
- 1,100+ Lobby Meetings
- 75,000 Letters to Congress
- 3,400 Events
- 4,200 Published Media
- >2,300 endorsements to date from community leaders



Chapters: ■ Active ■ In Progress

# Our volunteers & the 5 levers of political will

Chapters work to build support for climate action with their members of Congress.



# Get More Information

- **CCL Info Session**  
Hosted live weekly on  
Wednesdays at 8 pm ET:  
[cclusa.org/intro](https://cclusa.org/intro)
- More about the  
**Energy Innovation Act:**  
[energyinnovationact.org](https://energyinnovationact.org)



# How Can I Get Involved?

[See Handout](#)

- Sign up on CCL's website
- Write/call/Tweet your members of congress.
- Sign up for the monthly calling campaign.
- Write letters to the editor.
- Sign up to receive Action Alerts via text.
- Donate to CCL.

# Join Our Next Visit To Congress!

CCL volunteers held **1,100+** meetings with members of Congress and staff in 2020.

- Join in-district visits with your Members of Congress
- Attend our online June Conference: June 12<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021

[cclusa.org/conference](https://cclusa.org/conference)



# Let's Discuss!

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- What did you learn (or re-learn) today that is important or energizing?
- What actions will you take?
  - Local action
  - CCL / national policy action
- What questions do you have?

# Insights & Questions



# Thank You!

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**Citizens' Climate Lobby**

[www.citizensclimatelobby.org](http://www.citizensclimatelobby.org)



I used to think that the important people were taking care of the important problems.

No. Preserving a livable world is up to us little people.

What we do and do not do really counts.

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*Marshall Saunders, CCL Founder*

