

Nelson campaign: Barnes's stumble on softball climate question shows lack of accomplishments

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Appleton, Wis. – At a recent event on climate change at the University of Wisconsin – River Falls, outgoing Lieutenant Governor and U.S. Senate candidate Mandela Barnes was asked by a student newspaper reporter to name specific actions and accomplishments taken on the recommendations from Barnes's climate change task force report. [Barnes was unable to name a single accomplishment](#), despite this being the main achievement Barnes touts on the campaign trail. The following is the response of Outagamie County Executive and pro-labor populist U.S. Senate and climate candidate Tom Nelson:

“Not only is Lieutenant Governor Barnes inconsistent on the issues of this campaign, he has no tangible policy accomplishments when it comes to the climate crisis outside of a task force and a laundry list of suggestions.

“As county executive, I am proud to work with a dedicated team of professionals who are on the cutting edge of concrete action on climate.

“We constructed one of the first net-zero general aviation facilities in the country (2012); operate an [award-winning recycling facility](#) that processes about 100,000 tons of material each year; we partner with area farmers on a cover-cropping program that keeps dangerous methane gas in the ground; and we will be unveiling a [\\$25 million methane recovery facility](#) at our landfill later this year.

“This is in addition to our work ten years ago in the state Assembly when we wrote and (almost) passed the Clean Energy Jobs Act, a precursor to today's Green New Deal.

“This is exactly the kind of experience and leadership a serious climate candidate for Senate should have. This is why I am proud to tout the endorsement of the Sunrise Movement Wisconsin Chapter and the Youth Climate Action Network. Combating climate change will continue to be a cornerstone of this campaign.”