

Wisconsin Conservation Voters: Applauds Gov. Tony Evers' historic release of Clean Energy Plan

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MADISON – Gov. Tony Evers' Clean Energy Plan constitutes the strongest roadmap to climate justice and clean energy in Wisconsin history. Thanks to Gov. Evers' leadership and openness to community input, this Clean Energy Plan provides equitable solutions to economic growth and a cleaner way of life for all people here in Wisconsin.

People from across Wisconsin – with conservation voters at the forefront – powered this incredible achievement. They volunteered hundreds of hours, showed support at events, and successfully lobbied elected leaders to make this plan a reality.

Executive Director Kerry Schumann had this to say about the the Clean Energy Plan:

“This is a historic moment. Gov. Evers' Clean Energy Plan meets the scale and scope needed to properly address the climate crisis. Wisconsin Conservation Voters applauds Gov. Evers for gathering input from Tribal Nations, frontline communities, and other groups to develop equitable solutions that address the needs of everyone in the state.

The plan rightly prioritizes equity and justice. Wisconsin currently sends \$14 billion out-of-state for fossil fuels. Investing in clean energy workforce development at home will lift us all – especially communities most impacted by climate change. The governor laid out a road map for job training programs and estimates that over 40,000 new jobs will be created by 2030. Our response to the climate crisis can only succeed if we ensure a just and equitable transition.

Wisconsin's long-standing dependence on fossil fuels must come to an end because it's no longer sustainable for our health, our economy, and our well-being. The Clean Energy Plan builds on our ongoing efforts to transition Wisconsin to 100 percent energy by 2050. It will aid the local clean energy resolutions we have helped pass in county and city governments across the state.

This plan is a much needed step to addressing the climate crisis and creating economic opportunities for the people of Wisconsin. We look forward to working with the governor to build a clean energy future that creates opportunities for everyone in the state.”