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To: Interested Parties
Fr: Food & Water Action Together With Climate Hawks Vote
Re: 2018 Climate Champions Report

INTRODUCTION

How can the average voter separate the signal from the noise in determining which candidates who say they are strong on climate deserve serious support? Virtually all Democrats and even a few Republicans accept the science of climate change. Most Democrats say something about fighting Trump's unraveling of environmental protection. Many candidates promise something in the way of jobs growth through clean energy technology and energy efficiency. And lots of Democrats say they want to return to the Paris agreement. But what makes someone a climate hawk soaring above the crowd?

Thankfully, that's where this report comes in. Food & Water Action in partnership with Climate Hawks Vote bring you this report to help separate the wheat from the chaff on climate policy. This information aims to **empower voters with real metrics** to measure their elected official's commitment to working for climate justice.

APPROACH

This report utilizes a simple, two-part analysis to identify true climate champions running for Congress: Does the candidate support aggressive decarbonization and a rapid transition away from fossil fuels? And has the candidate pledged not to accept contributions from the fossil fuel industry?

The **Off Fossil Fuels for a Better Future Act** (HR 3671, Gabbard, HI-02) is the most aggressive piece of climate legislation ever introduced in Congress. Known as the OFF Act, the bill would place a moratorium on new fossil fuels projects and move our electricity and ground transportation systems to 100 percent clean, renewable energy by 2035. It would also provide for an equitable, just transition for environmental justice communities and those currently employed in the fossil fuel industry. Introduced a year ago, it now has 45 co-sponsors in Congress. An additional 38 candidates running for Congress who have made it through the primaries have pledged to co-sponsor the bill if elected. Of those, many are in competitive races that will help determine control of the House.

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Candidates who have signed the **No Fossil Fuel Money (NFFM) Pledge** vow not to take money from the fossil fuel industry. They're pledging to fight back against the tidal wave of dark dirty money that threatens to swamp our democracy. More than 1,200 elected officials and candidates at all levels of government have signed the pledge, as tracked by the No Fossil Fuel Money coalition. If money is speech, then candidates signing the pledge are telling the fossil fuel industry that they're not listening to climate denial and attempts to stifle a clean energy revolution.

→ **More than 1,200 elected officials & candidates at all levels of government have signed the No Fossil Fuel Money pledge to date.**

Taken together, these two markers are an easy way for voters and political donors to single out the true climate hawks running for Congress: the ones who are committed to bold action by co-sponsoring the most aggressive climate bill around, and refusing tainted, corrupt fossil fuel dollars. These actions are the driving focus of a large and growing grassroots climate movement mobilizing across the country.

2018'S TRUE CLIMATE CHAMPIONS

As of this publication, we have identified **six Congress members** who have both co-sponsored the OFF Act and signed the NFFM pledge, and an additional **29 House candidates** who have pledged both. These are America's true climate champions.

Methodology: www.congress.gov for OFF Act co-sponsorship; Food & Water Action [tracking of candidates](#) who have pledged to co-sponsor the OFF Act; and No Fossil Fuel Money reporting for the names of candidates who have signed the NFFM pledge. We omitted the names of Green Party candidates who have signed the NFFM pledge unless the candidate would be considered viable; e.g., placed within top two in California's jungle primary. Note: There is no OFF Act version in the Senate. * Signed California Version, "No Oil Money" Pledge // ** Pledged to Cosponsor OFF Act.

Name	District	Incumbent / Open / Challenger	Signed OFF Fossil Fuels	Signed No Fossil Fuel Money Pledge
Barragan, Nanette	CA-44	Incumbent	✓	✓*
Barzee Flores, Mary	FL-25	Challenger		✓
Bass, Karen	CA-37	Incumbent	✓	
Bell, Adrienne	TX-14	Challenger	✓**	✓
Bryce, Randy	WI-01	Open Seat	✓**	✓
Campa-Najjar, Ammar	CA-50	Challenger	✓**	
Canova, Tim	FL-23	Challenger	✓**	✓
Carbajal, Salud	CA-24	Incumbent	✓	
Castillo, Lee	UT-01	Challenger		✓
Chu, Judy	CA-27	Incumbent	✓	
Cisneros, Gil	CA-39	Challenger	✓**	✓*

Clarke, Yvette	NY-09	Incumbent	✓	
Cockburn, Leslie	VA-05	Challenger		✓
Cohen, Steve	TN-09	Incumbent	✓	
Colvin, Jesse	MD-01	Challenger		✓
Coleman, Linda	NC-02	Challenger	✓**	
Cortes Barragan, Rodolfo	CA-40	Challenger	✓**	✓
Courage Singer, James	UT-03	Challenger		✓
Crist, Charlie	FL-13	Incumbent	✓	
Dady, Sara	IL-16	Challenger		✓
Davidson, Rob	MI-02	Challenger		✓
Davis, Danny K.	IL-07	Incumbent	✓	
de León, Kevin	CA-Sen	Challenger		✓
DeLauro, Rosa L.	CT-03	Incumbent	✓	
Denney, Audrey	CA-01	Challenger		✓
DeSaulnier, Mark	CA-11	Incumbent	✓	
Deutch, Theodore	FL-22	Incumbent	✓	
Eastman, Kara	NE-02	Challenger	✓**	✓
Ellis, Kathy	MO-08	Challenger	✓**	
Enderlin, Chuck	GA-03	Challenger	✓**	
Engel, Eliot	NY-16	Incumbent	✓	
Espaillet, Adriano	NY-13	Incumbent	✓	
Evans, Dwight	PA-02	Incumbent	✓	
Fagan, Linsey	TX-26	Challenger	✓**	✓
Feinstein, Dianne	CA-Sen	Incumbent		✓*
Friedenberg, Marc	PA-12	Challenger		✓
Gabbard, Tulsi	HI-02	Incumbent	✓	✓
Galbraith, Mike	OH-05	Challenger	✓**	
Gallego, Ruben	AZ-07	Incumbent	✓**	✓
Garcia, Jesus Chuy	IL-04	Open Seat		✓
Geren, Mary	SC-03	Challenger		✓
Gershon, Perry	NY-01	Challenger	✓**	✓
Ghorbani, Shireen	UT-02	Challenger		✓
Grechen Shirley, Liuba	NY-02	Challenger	✓**	✓
Greenfield, Steve	NY-19	Challenger	✓**	

Haaland, Deb	NM-01	Open Seat	✓**	✓
Hastings, Alcee L.	FL-20	Incumbent	✓	
Hayes, Yvonne Hinson	FL-03	Challenger		✓
Higgins, Brian	NY-26	Incumbent	✓	
Hill, Katie	CA-25	Challenger	✓**	✓*
Holden, David	FL-19	Challenger		✓
Holguin, Eric	TX-27	Challenger		✓
Hoyos, Renee	TN-02	Challenger		✓
Jayapal, Pramila	WA-07	Incumbent		✓
Jeffries, Hakeem	NY-08	Incumbent	✓	
Johnson, Eddie Bernice	TX-30	Incumbent	✓	
Johnson, Henry C. "Hank," Jr.	GA-04	Incumbent	✓	
Kanew, Justin	TN-07	Challenger		✓
Khanna, Ro	CA-17	Incumbent		✓*
King, Jess	PA-11	Challenger	✓**	✓
Lee, Barbara	CA-13	Incumbent	✓	✓
Levin, Andy	MI-09	Open Seat		✓
Levin, Mike	CA-49	Challenger		✓*
Lewis, Jennifer	VA-06	Challenger	✓**	✓
Lieu, Ted	CA-33	Incumbent	✓	
Lofgren, Zoe	CA-19	Incumbent	✓	
Longjohn, Matt	MI-06	Challenger		✓
Lowey, Nita	NY-17	Incumbent	✓	
Luria, Elaine	VA-02	Challenger		✓
Malik, Anita	AZ-06	Challenger		✓
Maloney, Carolyn	NY-12	Incumbent	✓	
Maloney, Sean Patrick	NY-18	Incumbent	✓	
McClure Jessica	NE-01	Challenger		✓
McCollum, Betty	MN-04	Incumbent	✓	
McDowell, Jan	TX-24	Challenger	✓**	✓
McGovern, James P.	MA-02	Incumbent	✓	
McKellar, Shirley	TX-01	Challenger		✓
McLeod-Skinner, Jamie	OR-02	Challenger	✓**	✓
McNeil, Cristina	ID-01	Challenger		✓

Meeks, Gregory	NY-05	Incumbent	✓	
Mejia, Kenneth	CA-34	Challenger	✓**	✓
Meng, Grace	NY-06	Incumbent	✓	
Mitsch Bush, Diane	CO-03	Challenger	✓**	✓
Morse, Jessica	CA-04	Challenger		✓*
Mucarsel Powell, Debbie	FL-26	Challenger	✓**	✓
Nadler, Jerrold	NY-10	Incumbent	✓	
Napolitano, Grace F.	CA-32	Incumbent	✓	
Norton, Eleanor Holmes	DC-AL	Incumbent	✓	
O'Rourke, Beto	TX-Sen	Challenger		✓
Ocasio-Cortez, Alexandria	NY-14	Challenger	✓**	✓
Oliver, Julie	TX-25	Challenger		✓
Omar, Ilhan	MN-05	Open Seat	✓**	✓
Ottaway, Brent	PA-13	Challenger		✓
Palzewicz, Tom	WI-05	Challenger		✓
Pappas, Chris	NH-01	Challenger		✓
Peacock, Julia	CA-42	Challenger		✓
Phillips, Dean	MN-03	Challenger		✓
Pingree, Chellie	ME-01	Incumbent		✓
Porter, Katie	CA-45	Challenger	✓**	✓*
Pressley, Ayanna	MA-07	Challenger		✓
Raskin, Jamie	MD-08	Incumbent	✓	✓
Rice, Kathleen M.	NY-04	Incumbent	✓	
Ring, Lisa	GA-01	Challenger	✓**	✓
Rouda, Harley	CA-48	Challenger	✓**	✓*
Sanchez, Jana Lynne	TX-06	Open Seat		✓
Sanders, Bernie	VT-Sen	Incumbent		✓
Schakowsky, Jan	IL-09	Incumbent	✓	✓
Schrier, Kim	WA-08	Challenger	✓**	✓
Serrano, Jose	NY-15	Incumbent	✓	
Siegel, Mike	TX-10	Challenger		✓
Smith, Adam	WA-09	Incumbent		✓
Smith, Sarah	WA-09	Challenger	✓**	✓
Soto, Darren	FL-09	Incumbent	✓	✓

Spaulding, Stephany Rose	CO-05	Challenger	✓**	✓
Steele, Dayna	TX-36	Challenger		✓
Suozzi, Thomas R.	NY-03	Incumbent	✓	
Swisher, Aaron	ID-02	Challenger		✓
Tlaib, Rashida	MI-13	Open Seat	✓**	✓
Todd, Ian	MN-06	Challenger		✓
Velazquez, Nydia	NY-07	Incumbent	✓	
Wallace, Scott	PA-01	Challenger		✓
Waters, Maxine	CA-43	Incumbent	✓	
Watson Coleman, Bonnie	NJ-12	Incumbent	✓	
Watson, Liz	IN-09	Challenger	✓**	
Welle, Josh	NJ-04	Challenger	✓**	
Wexton, Jennifer	VA-10	Challenger		✓
Wild, Susan	PA-07	Challenger	✓**	✓
Williams, Vangie	VA-01	Challenger		✓
Witt, Bryan	CA-27	Challenger	✓**	✓
Zimmerman, Jennifer	FL-01	Challenger	✓**	

KEY:

* Signed California “No Oil Money” Pledge

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CONCLUSION

In the Trump era, access to accurate information is harder and harder to come by. With voters consistently being fed misinformation by social media, elected officials, and special interests aiming to derail any regulation of the fossil-fuels industry, it is no wonder why many are apathetic toward the political system. This report offers an opportunity to present voters with data and analysis detailing where certain politicians stand on two critical climate issues. Armed with this information, voters can head to the polls knowing who truly are the real climate hawks running for office in 2018.