



SOUTHEAST FLORIDA
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SOUTHEAST FLORIDA REGIONAL CLIMATE CHANGE COMPACT COUNTIES 2022 FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

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Concerning federal legislation, regulations, and policies, the Compact Counties and other organizations adopting this document:

SUPPORT a whole-of-government approach to the climate crisis, commensurate to the urgency of the problem most recently highlighted by the Working Group I (Physical Science Basis) contribution to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change Sixth Assessment Report, described as a “code red for humanity” by United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres.

SUPPORT infrastructure investments and policies to reduce national carbon emissions 50 percent below 2005 levels by 2030 and to net zero by 2050, increase renewable energy, promote zero-emissions vehicles and public transportation, and equitably increase community resilience to climate impacts, including sea level rise, storm surge, flooding, and extreme heat and precipitation.

SUPPORT increased funding for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant program and weatherization programs, as well as expansion of the eligible uses for program funds to include flood and wind protection and other resilience measures.

SUPPORT “strong, rapid and sustained reductions” in methane emissions, which the IPCC Sixth Assessment Report Working Group I contribution identifies as essential to achieving Paris Agreement targets and a significant opportunity to improve air quality.

SUPPORT significant federal investments in electric vehicle charging infrastructure and incentives for consumers and businesses, including low-income residents.

SUPPORT efforts to reauthorize, improve, and strengthen the National Flood Insurance Program with provisions that limit premium rate increases and protect affordability, encourage greater program participation, expand the Increased Cost of Compliance Program, emphasize and increase funding for mitigation, and develop accurate flood maps.

SUPPORT action by the US Army Corps of Engineers to fully reassess the Central and South Florida Flood Control Project for future flood risk and resilience, including leveraging existing flood vulnerability assessments already advanced in the region.

SUPPORT reauthorization of the Coral Reef Conservation Act of 2000 and increased funding for coral reef health, protection, and restoration.

SUPPORT increased funding for shore and flood protection projects, including legislation requiring the US Army Corps of Engineers to use natural and nature-based features in shore and flood protection

projects whenever possible and a study of the feasibility of using all available domestic and non-domestic sources of sand in beach renourishment projects.

SUPPORT measures to reduce carbon emissions economy-wide, including establishment of a national price on carbon, especially revenue-neutral and public-dividend proposals.

SUPPORT prohibition of oil and gas leasing off the Atlantic, Pacific, and Gulf Coasts of the United States.

SUPPORT revised vehicle emissions standards proposed by the Administration and even stricter standards to require at least 50 percent of new vehicle sales to be electric by 2030 and full electrification of the nation's vehicles as soon as practicable, including significant minimum requirements for all vehicles, not just corporate averages.