



SOUTHEAST FLORIDA
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**SOUTHEAST FLORIDA REGIONAL CLIMATE CHANGE COMPACT COUNTIES
2021 FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES**

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

SUPPORT economic stimulus measures that also reduce carbon emissions, increase renewable energy, promote zero-emissions vehicles and public transportation, and equitably increase community resilience.

SUPPORT reauthorization of the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant program.

SUPPORT increased funding for weatherization programs.

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 reassess the Central and South Florida Flood Control Project given changing climate conditions, especially sea level rise.

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 protection projects, including a study of the feasibility of using all available domestic and non-domestic sources of sand in beach renourishment projects.

SUPPORT 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.

OPPOSE weakening of vehicle fuel-economy standards and revocation of the waiver allowing California to set its own fuel-economy standards.

OPPOSE any federal restrictions on state-level action to regulate emissions from power plants.

SUPPORT measures to support the solar industry, including extension of the Solar Investment Tax Credit (SITC), a direct payment option in lieu of the SITC, and extension of “safe harbor” provisions.