



SOUTHEAST FLORIDA
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SOUTHEAST FLORIDA REGIONAL CLIMATE CHANGE COMPACT COUNTIES 2024 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 highlighted by the Working Group I (Physical Science Basis) contribution to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) 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 greenhouse gas emissions 50 - 52 percent below 2005 levels by 2030 and to net zero by 2050, reach 100 percent carbon pollution-free electricity by 2035, 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 legislation, policies, funding, financing, rebates and incentives to expand energy efficiency, including the increased funding for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant program and Weatherization Assistance 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, including the global Methane Pledge, a partnership to reduce methane emissions 30% from 2020 levels by 2030, and the U.S. Methane Emissions Reduction Action Plan.

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 to protect affordability and availability, and encourage greater program participation, expand the Increased Cost of Compliance Program, emphasize and increase funding for flood mitigation, and develop accurate flood maps.

SUPPORT action by the US Army Corps of Engineers to fully reassess the Central and Southern Florida Flood Control Project for future flood risk and resilience, leveraging existing flood vulnerability assessments already advanced in the region, inclusive of the incorporation of extreme rainfall intensification in all future conditions assessments, and the appropriations required for the 216 Flood Risk and the WRDA 2022 Comprehensive Studies.

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 additional financial measures to reduce greenhouse gas emissions economy-wide, including pricing mechanisms such as a price on carbon, and incentives.

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

SUPPORT increasingly stringent vehicle emissions standards proposed by the Administration and even stricter standards to require at least 50 percent of new passenger cars and light-duty trucks sold to be zero-emission 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.

SUPPORT a workplace heat standard advanced by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) to better protect outdoor and indoor workers and reduce the dangers of exposure to ambient heat.