



1 Sky, 3 Imperatives

1Sky is a new national campaign to pass strong and effective climate legislation in the United States. 1Sky has united tens of thousands of Americans, and over 350 organizations nationwide behind the 1Sky policy platform – solutions that match the scale of the climate challenge and embrace the opportunities of a new green economy. Our policy platform is built on three central imperatives for driving climate change policy in the right direction:

1. Climate change policy must promote smart energy conservation and efficiency – benefiting the public, jumpstarting a clean energy economy, and protecting vulnerable populations.

The United States can create 5 million new jobs and green pathways out of poverty with a sweeping national mobilization for climate solutions and investment in a new energy economy. Climate policy must establish a public benefit fund from revenues realized from the sale of pollution allowances or taxes. These revenues should be equitably returned to the public in the form of: (1) direct dividends and/or conservation assistance to offset rising energy costs; (2) investments in accelerating our transition to a clean energy future in the U.S. and internationally, including the creation of a Clean Energy Corps and other conservation and efficiency measures; and (3) adaptation funding for vulnerable communities, including those dependent on the fossil fuel sector for livelihoods, and natural systems, both domestically and internationally, to ease the negative impacts of unavoidable climate changes and transformations in our energy policy.

2. Climate change policy must contain strong, science-based targets for the reduction of global warming emissions.

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has recommended that developed countries like the U.S. cut carbon emissions at least 25% below 1990 levels by 2020 (35% below current U.S. levels), and at least 80% below 1990 levels by 2050. We need to commit to meeting the IPCC's targets in U.S. policy and send a powerful message to the international community that we join them in leading to solve the largest problem ever to face humankind, and set the table for critical post-Kyoto framework negotiations in 2009.

3. Climate change policy must include a moratorium on new coal-fired power plants that emit global warming pollution, and strong incentives for smart renewable energy.

We must end the development of new coal-fired power plants that emit global warming pollution if we are serious about fighting climate change. Climate policy must pivot us boldly away from fossil fuel dependence, and toward a clean energy future with strong standards and incentives for energy efficiency and renewable energy. A clean energy transformation must feature ambitious national goals that open the market for private investment in clean energy and energy efficiency.

For the full platform, see our website: <http://www.1sky.org/1skysolutions>